



**St. Andrew's**  
Episcopal Church

# Sunday Worship Booklet

## October 11, 2026 - 10:30am

20 Pentecost

### Are You New?

We are SO glad you are here!

St. Andrew's is a warm community just waiting to love you. If you like, you will definitely find good friends here.

- This booklet is designed to help you fully join us in our worship experience. If it feels like a lot of words to follow, don't worry. Let go, and listen. It is perfectly OK to let us wash you with our prayers.
- Please fill out one of our **connection cards** (or use this QR Code) so we can let you know how happy we are to meet you.
- More info about the church and what we are up to can be found in the insert to this booklet.



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# The Word of God

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Prelude

Exuberant Praise

Handbells

Before worship begins, the priest greets the people and introduces the first hymn. The people stand, as able, to sing.



Hymn #690

Guide Me, O Great Jehovah

## Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Collect (Prayer) for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Hymnal S-280

## The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated for the lessons.

## Procession

The Greek word in the new testament for church means “assembly.” One of the reasons we start our service with a procession is to mark people coming together for this holy time.

**Diving Deeper**

## Collect

A “collect”, pronounced “COLL-ect”, is a traditional type of prayer. It is written to gather or “collect” the rest of prayers together with a theme. There is a special collect for each Sunday of the church year.

**Diving Deeper**

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## *The First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14*

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23*

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Psalm is read/prayed in unison

**1 Hallelujah!**

**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
for his mercy endures for ever.**

**2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD \***

**or show forth all his praise?**

**3 Happy are those who act with justice \***

**and always do what is right!**

**4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, \***

**and visit me with your saving help;**

**5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect**

**and be glad with the gladness of your people, \*  
that I may glory with your inheritance.**

**6 We have sinned as our forebears did; \***

**we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.**

**19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb \***

**and worshiped a molten image;**

**20 And so they exchanged their Glory \***

**for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.**

**21 They forgot God their Savior, \***

**who had done great things in Egypt,**

**22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, \***

**and fearful things at the Red Sea.**

**23 So he would have destroyed them,**

**had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, \*  
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.**

## ***The Second Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9***

A Reading from Philippians

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in



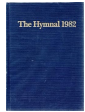
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the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able



**Hymn #708**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

## ***The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then

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the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## ***Sermon: Rev. Les Carpenter***

Preacher prays, then all sit

### ***The Nicene Creed***

All stand as able and say the creed in unison.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

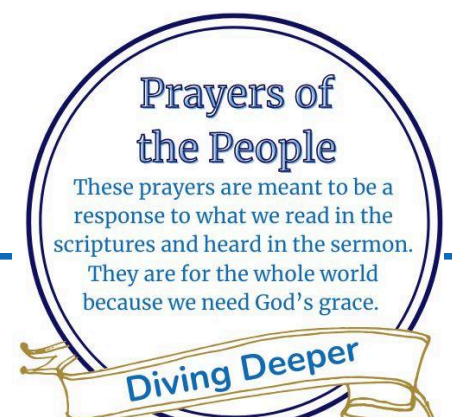
## ***Prayers of the People Form IV***

All kneel as able

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;



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**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (Especially our sick and suffering \_\_\_\_\_, and those who serve in the armed forces especially\_\_\_\_\_).

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died (Especially \_\_\_\_\_) ,

**that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.**

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

## ***Confession and Absolution***

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### *The Peace*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

The people greet one another and offer their blessings of peace.

### *Welcome and Announcements*

The congregation sits as directed, and announcements are shared. If you are new, this is a great time to fill out your Connection Card. There should be a paper one in your pew, or you can use the QR code on the front page.

If you want to give electronically to our church, the best way is to download the church's app (see last page), or you can make a one-time gift through the QR code here.



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# The Liturgy of the Table

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### *Offertory Music*

**Offertory Music**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

After which the people stand and sing the Doxology.



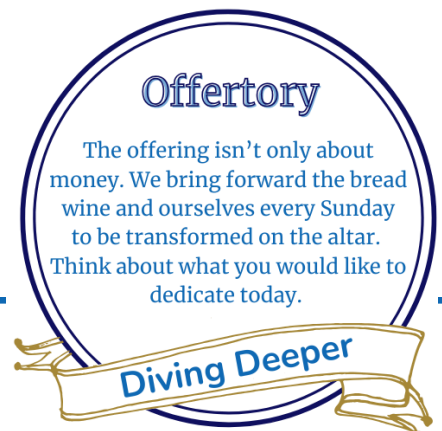
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### *The Great Thanksgiving*

(Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP 369)

All stand as able

The Lord be with you.



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**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



## **Hymnal #S-130**

**"Sanctus"**

[The people kneel or stand](#)

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*Celebrant and People*

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord God of our Fathers and mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Lea; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,



**LEVAS #264**

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Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those

who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## *The Breaking of the Bread*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The people sit*

*Ministers come forward to receive communion before sharing it. The congregation follows as directed by the ushers.*

**Distribution of Communion**

**Instrumental**

## *Post Communion Prayer*

*The people kneel as able*

Let us pray,

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *Blessing*

As you leave this place go forth in peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven. Know that the future is in God's hands. Return no person evil for evil. Remember the poor. Pray for the sick.



And make no peace with injustice in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all now and always. **Amen**



### Hymn #707

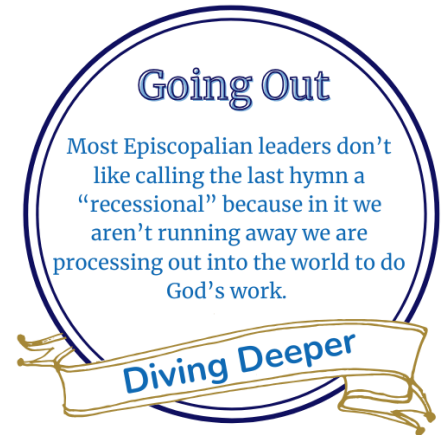
Take My Life and Let it Be

## Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

Organ Voluntary

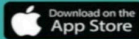




### Download the Church Center App!

The Church Center App is one of the main sources for getting connected at St. Andrew's.

- Up-to-the-minute Event Information
- Groups, Serving, and Connection
- Register for Events
- Give via the App
- Check-in your kids





# Welcome to Worship

## Thank you for joining us!

We have two different regular worship services on Sunday, both of which include Holy Communion. Holy Communion is a sacrament using bread and wine. It reminds us of Jesus, His teachings, His sacrifice on the Cross, and His continued presence in this church. A few more things about Holy Communion.

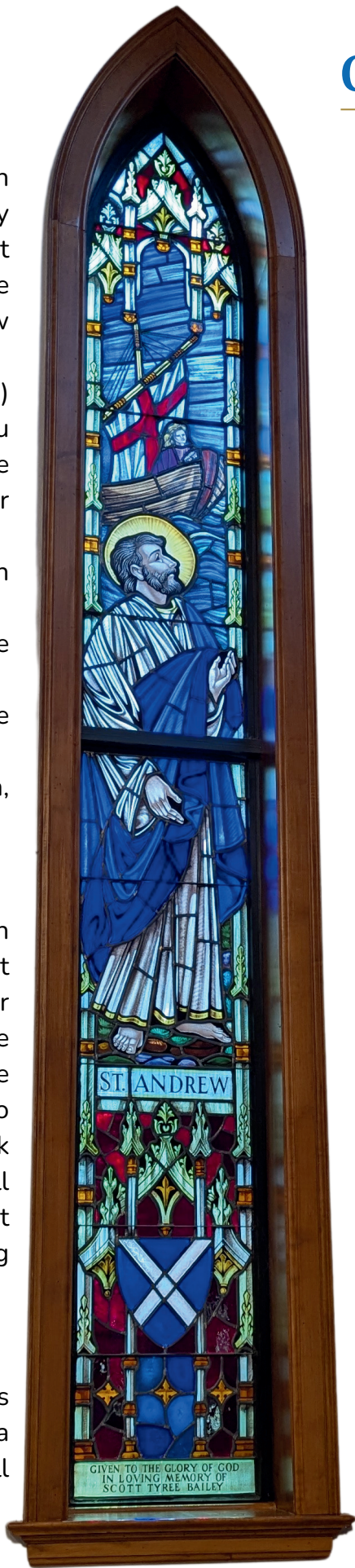
- All baptized people (regardless of Christian Tradition) are invited to receive Communion with us. If you prefer, you can come forward for a blessing. When the minister comes to you, cross your arms across your chest to indicate your preference
- If you don't want to come forward feel free to stay in your seat.
- If you have a gluten sensitivity, Gluten free wafers are available on request.
- If you have mobility concerns tell an usher and we would be happy to bring Communion to you.
- For more info on the basics of the Episcopal church, check out our "Priest Me" podcast on YouTube.

## 8 AM Rite I

Our 8 am service is smaller and more contemplative than our 10:30. Most Sundays, it is spoken (without music). It uses traditional (Old English) language throughout. For those new to this form of worship, it can take some getting used to, but it is also special to pray in the language of Shakespeare. For the service, you will need to use the *Book of Common Prayer*, which is the black book in your pews with the cross on the front. The priest will call out page numbers as we go. We also provide a sheet with today's readings, which will be helpful for praying the psalm and following today's teaching

## 10:30 AM Rite II

This is our principal (largest) service on Sunday. It includes music and singing in addition to prayer. We offer a "Sunday Booklet" to help you follow this service. You will also need the blue "1982 Hymnal" found in the pew.



# Other Regular Offerings

## Children's Chapel/Sunday School/Nursery

Children are always welcome in worship at St. Andrew's! To support our families, we do offer **nursery care** (0-PreK), and **Children's Chapel** (Elementary Age) during the 10:30 service. Ask an usher, and they will tell you where to drop off your kids prior to the service. Your children will join you for Communion.

## Youth Ministries and Acolyting

We love to see our youth grow in service and fellowship with us. There is an active youth group. Indicate your interest on the Connection Card and we would love to reach out to you with more Info. Also, children and youth often participate in our Sunday Worship by serving as acolytes (Those in red robes with a white top). If you are interested in learning more ask Rev. Les or any member of the Vestry (church board)

## Adult Sunday School

Meets at 9:15am in the Rector's Study. It is a lovely and informal Bible study. Join Us!

## Getting Involved

We have so many active ministries, it can be difficult to know where to start. If you want to get more involved here, but aren't sure how to start, fill out one of the **connection cards** in your pew. We will follow up and make sure that you find a meaningful way to start. The Connection card is a way to make sure we have your correct contact info and you are getting the news you want.



# Prayers and Celebrations

## Prayers Requested

For the Sick and Those in Need:

Catherine  
Lisa  
Jinx  
Wayland  
Teresa  
Zanetta  
Pris  
Annette  
Cyril

Dotsy  
Jim  
Judy  
Cindy  
Melissa  
Peggy  
Ray  
Tarry  
Dana

Dana  
Chris  
Jim  
Mitza  
Naomi  
Ray

For those serving in our Armed Forces:

Sean  
Veronica  
Jericca  
Matt  
Eric  
Bradford

Fletcher  
Will  
Rodney  
Jonathan  
Adam  
All Veterans

James  
Thomas  
Austin  
Landon M.  
Dillon

For the Deceased: Jim

## On for Next Sunday? (check it out here)

8 AM

LAY: Sarah Dial

LEM: Ramona Orzell

## Food Pantry

Diane Dunstan

Rachel Dix

10:30 AM

LAY: Elizabeth Pope

LEM: Martha Lamm

Forrest Mericle

Acolytes: Liam, Madison, and Sydney

Ushers: Brad Earle and Jan Arnold

Vestry Greeters: Carly Thrower

Brad Earle



## Altar Flowers today

are given to the Glory of God by  
Dick and Lynn Arnow

In Celebration of Lynn's birthday





# Announcements



**Oktoberfest**  
**October 16 at 6pm**  
**Dinner provided by the Men's Club.**  
**Register on the church app**



## Food Pantry Packing

Help pack food bags in the Parish Hall following the 10:30am service.

## Healing Service

**Wednesdays at 10:30am**

## Substitutes for Meals on Wheels Routes

For anyone who is interested please contact Jan Thurkill 252-903-9330. It's the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 10am.

## Wings of Love

This October our bags will bring Christmas Joy to Carriage Court Apartments.

## Fill your bag for all ages:

Toys  
 Books  
 Clothes  
 Hygeine products  
 Etc.

**Return all bags by Sunday, October 27th.**

## Trunk-or-Treat

This year we are teaming up with Englewood United Methodist Church to put on a Trunk-or-Treat and Fall Festival in between our churches. It will be October 25th, from 5-6:30pm. We will have parts of Circle Drive blocked off. We are currently in need of volunteers to "dress up" their vehicle's trunk space and pass out candy to the families. We also need a few volunteers to help run simple stations, such as face-painting, temporary tattoos, crafts, and praying with festival goers. Can't volunteer but want to contribute? We will take bags of individually wrapped candy!

To volunteer or ask questions contact Lora Pons [252-481-8526](tel:252-481-8526)  
[children@standrewsrmt.org](mailto:children@standrewsrmt.org)



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**Believe**  
**Become**  
**Belong**

**Led by the Spirit, we lovingly serve God** through worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and ministry.

**"Doves Cry"**

Today's Homily  
 Preacher: Rev. Les Carpenter