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“Sharing God’s Unconditional Love”



Rich Man and Lazarus -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

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Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

We are one of the parishes that make up The Diocese of Ohio and are part of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America. We are also part of the worldwide Anglican Communion and at the head of the Anglican Communion is the Archbishop of Canterbury.

St. Andrew's is made up of diverse people who find meaning and experience community through relationships – with God, with ourselves as we seek to know God, with each other and with the world in which we live. We are old and young, female and male, gay and straight, cis-gender and non-binary in gender identification. We are single, married, divorced, widowed, black and white across a wide socio-economic range. In fact we are like everybody. We work in our communities and invest in work around the world. We study and we ask questions as we move deeper into the mystery of God. We support one another in good times and bad, and we try to see Christ in everyone we meet.

St. Andrew's mission statement is, "Sharing God's Unconditional Love. "We believe that we are participating with God in God's work in the world. We are an open and affirming, inclusive community of faith, believing that God loves everyone, no exceptions.

Since December of 2019, we have made the work of anti-racism a priority by confessing, studying, praying, advocating and in activism for racial equity and social justice. We have been described as "Traditional in pews and kneelers, ornate altar and vestments. Modern in energy, ordination of women, and respect for all people regardless of the many ways God makes us different. Common in the humble, simple way these people, place and time come together to be extraordinary."

Commitment to Racial Justice

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Elyria, Ohio recognizes that the church, as a body of Christ, has a responsibility to act on behalf of others, especially the marginalized and the oppressed. We vow in our Baptismal Covenant to "seek and serve Christ in all persons" and to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being." We believe that this includes directly confronting the legacy and reality of racism, both individually and that which is systemic and institutionalized in our society. We must work to end economic, educational, employment, healthcare, housing and other injustices in our own lives, institutions, communities, and the world. To that end, we must be aware and well informed, and thereby better able to determine the actions our faith requires of us – actions that help us to practice justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Visitors

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you. We want to know more about who you are and so we ask that you please complete the visitor's card (in pews or ask usher) and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

Acolyte for September 28

Hans Van Wormer

Lectors for September 28

8:30am: Peggy Casselberry

10:30am: Matthew Van Wormer

Usher for September 28

Bill Taylor

Eucharistic Ministers for September 28

8:30am: Greg Hebble/Judi Hudnutt

10:30am: Hans Van Wormer/Harry Finkbone

LOOKING AHEAD

September 29, from 6pm-8pm: Game Night with I'm Possible Games (Parish Hall)

October 1, at 8am: Midweek Worship on Zoom

October 2, at 9am: First Thursday Breakfast at Rubins

October 5, at 12:30pm: Community Meals Volunteer Brunch

October 5, at 4pm: Sundays at St. Andrew's

October 5, at 5:30pm: Blessing of the Animals

October 8, at 8am: Midweek Worship on Zoom

October 18, from 12pm-4pm: Sacred Landmarks Tour

October 19, at 4pm: Sundays at St. Andrew's

October 30, at 7pm: Service of Remembrance

Holy Eucharist

8:30am Enriching Our Worship 10:30 am

BCP = Red Book of Common Prayer, Blue Hymnal 1982,
Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (LEVAS), Wonder, Love and Praise Hymnal (WLP)

Prelude*

Lisa Miragliotta

Processional Hymn*

Hymn 438 "Tell Out My Soul"
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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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.**

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Please sit for the Lessons)

A Reading from Amos 6:1a,4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *

for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *

and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *

who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *

and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;
 the LORD cares for the stranger; *
 he sustains the orphan and widow,
 but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
 Hallelujah!

A Reading from 1 Timothy 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as able)

Sequence Hymn*

Hymn 429 "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath"

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Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Sermon (*Please sit.*)

Sermon

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Nicene Creed

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:

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

***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.
 Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
 Who 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.***

The Prayers of the People

You are invited to read the role of the intercessor as you are led. If more than one voice reads the same lines, please listen to one another and read simultaneously. The People's response is the text in bold.

Deacon: O righteous Lord, guide us onto the pathway of glory and hear our prayers as we say: Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Empower your church to fearlessly proclaim the gospel that the whole world might hear and experience your Good News. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Enter the hearts and minds of our civic and cultural leaders, that their priorities are aligned with the needs and hopes of all people. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Be present in our parish and in all the places we call home through our witness, that your glory might open eyes and hearts to your transforming love. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Strengthen our resolve and resilience for the making of hard choices to preserve your abundant creation for all future generations. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Bring the light and strength of your healing power into the darkness of all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Especially we pray for....*(please add your own prayers aloud or in silence)* Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Welcome the dying, comfort the grieving, strengthen the bereft, and bring us all together again in the glory of your new age. Lord, in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

Deacon: Loving God, you have brought your word which gives life into our midst again and again; help us be faithful recipients of your grace and bearers of your good news to all whom we encounter. All this we ask, we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Redeemer. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God. *(Silence may be kept)*

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you. *(Please greet one another with the Peace of the Lord.)*

Ministry Message

Will Parsons

Welcome, Announcements, and Special Prayers *(Please be seated)*

Christ's Welcome

All: No matter where you come from or where you're going. No matter what you believe or what you doubt. No matter what you feel or just don't feel today. No matter whom you love... You are welcome at St. Andrew's to be met by God who loves you, who knows your mind and heart, and who wants to have a relationship with you.

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

(Please stand as able.)

Presentation Hymn*

Hymn 625 "Ye Holy Angels Bright" © William H. Monk

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B With Expansive Language)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say:

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.***

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The table of bread and wine is now made ready.

All: It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; You who have been here often and you who have not been for a while. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed;

Celebrant: Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The Holy Communion (*All are welcome to receive from God's Table*)

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

Eucharistic Minister: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Minister: The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

Communion Hymns*

Hymn 705 "As Those Of Old Their First Fruits Brought"
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Hymn 709 "O God Of Bethel, By Whose Hand"
Philip Doddridge

Post Communion Prayer (*Please stand or kneel as able*)
Celebrant: Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Life is short. We don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God almighty, the holy and undivided Trinity be with you and those you love this day, and always. Amen. -Adapted from — Henri-Frédéric Amiel

Recessional Hymn*

Hymn 494 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"
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Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude*

Lisa Miragliotta

Announcements

Game Night with "I'm Possible Games": Monday, September 29 from 6pm-8pm

Come and join in on the fun! St. Andrew's is proud to be hosting another game night in collaboration with I'm Possible Games on Monday, September 29 from 6pm-8pm. All are invited to an evening of fun, games, puzzles, art, and more! These events are free and open to the public. Snacks and water provided.

Sundays at St. Andrew's & Blessing of the Animals – October 5

All children and youth are invited for Sundays at St. Andrew's on Saturday, October 5 at 4pm. Together we will learn about St. Francis of Assisi, the beloved saint who taught us to see God's love in all of creation. Music Director, Mark Skladan will join us for some fun singing. As a service project, the group will prepare goody bags for the pets who will be part of our annual Blessing of the Animals later that afternoon. We will also share goody bags with the Lorain County Pet Pantry, which ministers from our building on the third Saturdays of each month.

Also plan to attend the Blessing of the Animals at 5:30pm in the courtyard outside the Parish Lounge. Bring your pets—large or small, furry, feathered, or scaled—for this joyful celebration of God's creatures. All are invited to bring pet supply donations (such as pet food, treats, or toys) to church by October 5 to support the ongoing work of the Pet Pantry.

St. Andrew's Prayer List:

Our Spiritual Leaders

Sean, our Presiding Bishop
 Anne, our Bishop
 June, our Priest
 Jane, our Deacon
 Mark, our Music Director
 Joan, our Music Director, Emerita
 Ben, our Director of Youth
 And Children's Ministry

Our Friends

Christ Church, Oberlin
 Church of the Redeemer, Lorain
 Avon United Methodist Church
 Redeemer Lutheran Church, Elyria
 Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elyria
 The Original Glorious Apostolic Church
 Elyria First United Methodist Church
 Bellwether Farm

Our Community Partners

The Freedge
 A Place to Recover (P2R)
 Neighborhood Alliance
 Pet Pantry of Lorain County
 Second Harvest
 Urban League

Active-Duty Military: John Able, Stephanie Bacskey, Rose Buttle, Luke Colcough, Aaron Colcough, Dylan Donnelly, Charles Kellogg, Kim Reich, Gavin Schwan, Ryan Sumner, Ashley Augustine

Churches in Our Mission Area: St. Paul's, Bellevue; St. Paul's, Fremont; Christ Church, Huron; Redeemer, Lorain; St. Paul's, Norwalk; St. Thomas, Port Clinton; St. Paul's, Put-in-Bay; Grace, Sandusky; Old Trinity, Tiffin; Christ Church, Oberlin

Health Concerns: Kathy Inderrieden (Karen Blair's daughter), Pauline McKenna (Karen Blair's daughter), Paul Tanner (partner of Jolene Adkins), Scott Holcomb, Shelly Perkins, John Palermo, John Grehn (family of Ryan Palermo) Judie Housel, Karen Wells, Bob Sharkody, Ben Schuster, Russ Panchak, Karen Blair, Sally Miyara, Badger King, Mya Wissinger, Dakota Maloney (Daughter of Claire Skladan & Jeff Maloney), Roja Schuster Little, Joe Dembek; Diana, Mike and Maya (Bill Hebble's co-worker's family as infant daughter undergoes heart surgery), Deb Schwan, Ryan Palermo-Varner, Ryan (friend of June Hardy Dorsey), Sarah Schuster, Scott Pennington, Doug Elmer, Cooley Derzis, Marion King, Gwen Frazier, Lee Kauffman, Linda Wilbert

At Home: Virginia Larson, Sally Ruth, Barbara Tobin, Patricia Pozywak, Ruth Smith, Linda Wilbert, Judith Beebe

Those Who Have Died: Cindy McClymonds, Robert Powell, Kathy Plank, Emma Fischer, Chuck Farlow (Margo Reich's Brother-in-Law), Shirley Zeh (Cousin of Badger King), David George, Karen Ramirez, Jim Toth, Phillip Wagner, Debbie Kasik, Stephen Secaur (Jeremy Secaur's father)

Other Concerns: Dale Ann, Randy Lehman, Nancy Farlow and Family, the Family of Shirley Zeh, Eliot Prior, Maddie Smith, Scott Pennington, Jessica and Corey (friends of June Hardy Dorsey), Dan Burnett, Dee Knaack, Mark & Laura Burnett, Joyce Toth, Brent Payne and Family, Peter Gale and Family, Family of Phillip Wagner, Janet May (sister of Debbie Kasik), Lonnie

A Word of Gratitude

We would like to extend a word of gratitude to Lisa Miragliotta for serving as supply musician while, Director of Music, Mark Skladan is away. Thank you for lending St. Andrew's your musical talents for today's worship.

Today's Flowers

The flowers on the Altar and at the Columbarium today are offered to the Glory of God by the St. Andrew's Altar Guild. With thankful hearts, we celebrate that they were joyfully arranged by the children and youth attending Sundays at St. Andrew's, as part of their unit on Liturgical Arts. The vases, which have graced the tables of many of St. Andrew's fellowship gatherings through the years are today being repurposed for use in worship, honoring both our tradition of community and our call to the care of God's creation. May this offering of beauty remind us of God's grace at work in every generation.