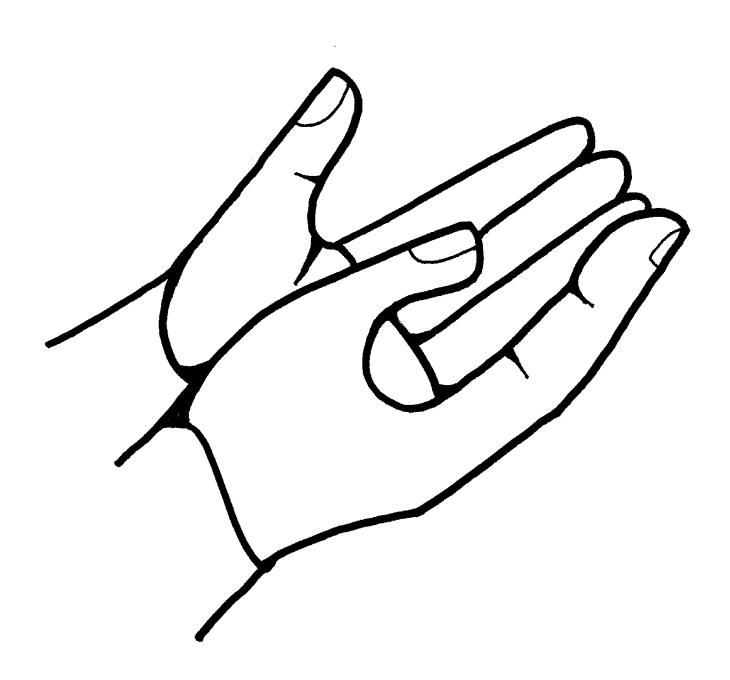


# October 19, 2025 Proper 24

"Sharing God's Unconditional Love"



# 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 October 19 Karen Hahn/Nandi Badat

Usher for October 19 Amy Kellogg <u>Lectors for October 19</u> 8:30am: Greg Hebble

10:30am: Bill Taylor

# **Eucharistic Ministers for October 19**

8:30am: Greg Hebble/Judi Hudnutt 10:30am: Karen Hahn/Harry Finkbone

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

TODAY, after 10:30am service: Chorister Rehearsal TODAY, at 4pm: Sundays at St. Andrew's w. Chorister Rehearsal October 22, at 8am: Midweek Worship on Zoom

October 29, at 8am: Midweek Worship on Zoom October 30, at 7:30pm: Service of Remembrance November 2, at 10:30am: All Saint's Sunday

# 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\*

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"

Stuart Townsend/arr. Hayes

Processional Hymn\*

Hymn 669 "Commit Thou, All That Grieves Thee"

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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 (8:30am)

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

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*

from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, \*

the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved \*

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*

the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*

nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*

it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \* from this time forth for evermore.

# A Reading from 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

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(Please stand as able)

Sequence Hymn\*

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Holy Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Deacon: The Gospel of our Savior. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(Please sit for the Sermon)

Children's Sermon Sermon

Rev. June Hardy Dorsey Rev. June Hardy Dorsey 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: God of justice, hear us and respond as we lift our prayers to you saying: Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Intercessor: Be with your church and guide us so that our prayers may be the seeds of ministry. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Intercessor: Inspire our nation and its leaders, help us to rise above our divisions and work together for the common good. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Intercessor: Be with those facing perils from natural disasters and climate change, show us how to respond effectively, and lead us to be advocates for the preservation of your creation. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Intercessor: Be present to us in our parish, strengthen us, renew us, and embolden us that we might eagerly share your good news in our daily lives. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.* 

Intercessor: Heal the sick, mend the injured, renew the worn down, and lift up the oppressed. Especially we pray for....(please add your own prayers aloud or in silence) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Intercessor: Welcome the dying into the comfort of your embrace, comfort those who grieve, and allow us entry into the realm of your glory when our journey through this life ends. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer*.

Deacon: God of Love, who has never turned your back on us, be our loving and gracious God, hear and answer our prayers that we have asked through the merits of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit holds all creation in your hands. *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.)

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.)

Offertory Anthem\*

"Seek Ye First, The Kingdom Of God"

Karen Lafferty

Presentation Hymn\*

Hymn 630 "Thanks To God Whose Word Was Spoken" (Verses 1, 2, and 5) © Hope Publishing Company

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.** 

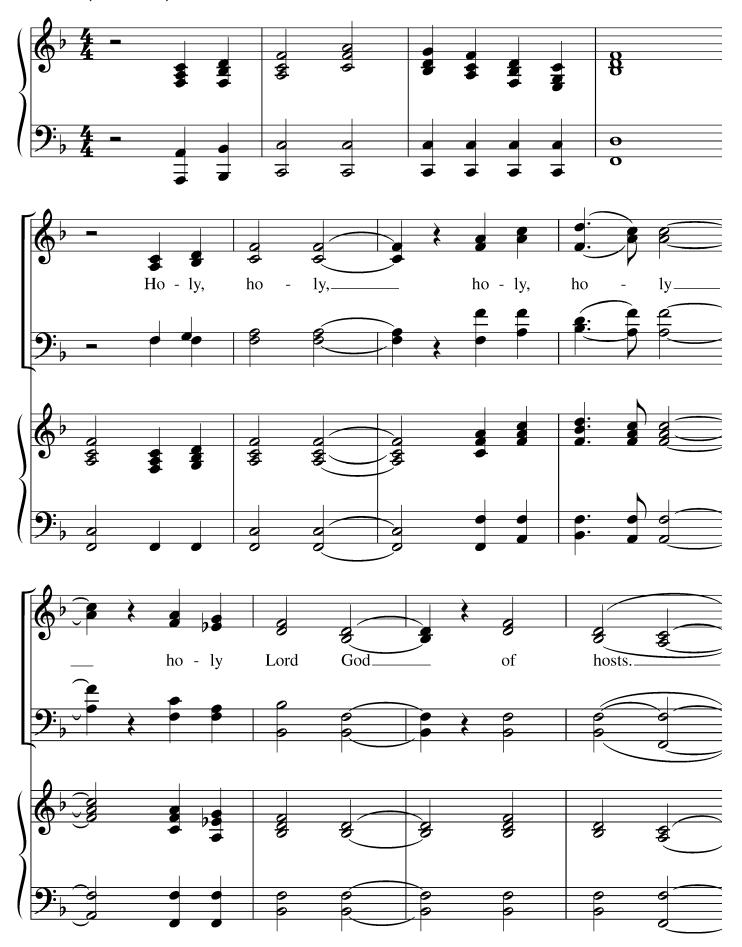
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

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:

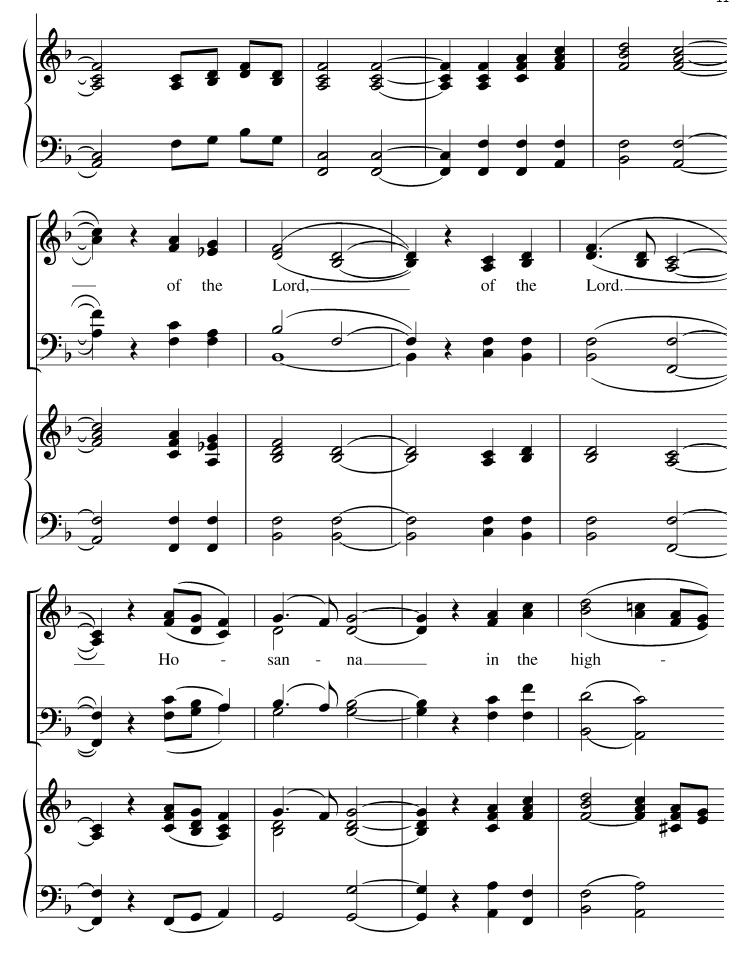
Sanctus (8:30am)

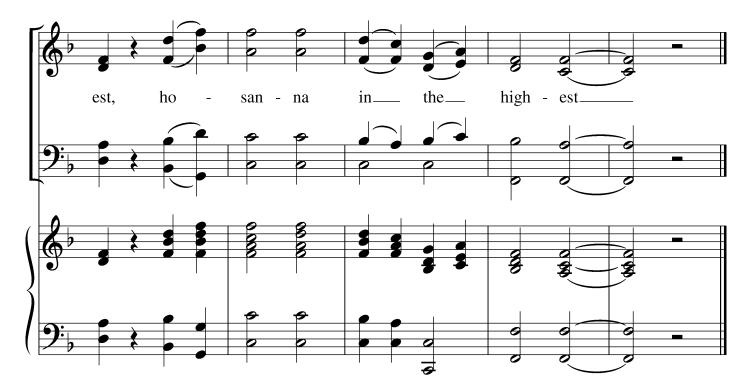
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

# Sanctus (10:30am)









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 627 "Lamp Of Our Feet, Whereby We Trace"

Bernard Barton

Hymn 337 "And Now, O Father, Mindful Of The Love"
William Bright

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 of St. Francis

May God bless you with discomfort, at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships so that you may live deep within your heart. *Amen.* 

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace. *Amen.* 

May God bless you with tears, to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain to joy. *Amen.* 

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. *Amen.* 

Recessional Hymn\*

Hymn 530 "Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word"

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude\*

"Trumpet In Dialogue" Clerambault

Chorister rehearsal after the 10:30am service today, AND at Sunday at St. Andrew's at 4pm today!

# **Announcements**

#### Game Night with "I'm Possible Games" Monday, October 27 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, October 27 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.

#### Service of Remembrance: October 30, 2025, at 7:30pm

You are warmly invited to the Service of Remembrance—a quiet, contemplative gathering where we bring before God those whom we love but see no longer. Together, we will speak aloud the names of those who have died, honoring their lives and making space for our grief in their absence. You are encouraged to bring photos, mementos, or other tokens of significance to help create an altar of remembrance, a visible sign of love and memory that holds our beloved close. This service offers a sacred pause in which grace, grief, and hope meet—a holy time to let the names of our beloved be spoken, cherished, and lifted to God in prayer. The Book of Remembrance is at the back of the church. Please write the names of those you would like to have read aloud at the Service of Remembrance.

#### St. Andrew's Orientation and Information Luncheon

Would you like to learn more about St. Andrew's.... how you can get involved? Come to lunch in the Parish Lounge (on the first floor) at 12:30pm on October 26. Ministry leaders will be available to share about the various ministries of St. Andrew's and you will have the opportunity to ask questions and also share about your interests and gifts. Contact Jesse Palermo-Varner at office@standrewselyria.org to let us know that you will be coming.

# **Episcopal Church Public Policy and Witness Weekly Prayers**

#### For Families Relying on Food Assistance Programs

God of sustenance, you nourish your people with your love and feed the world with the fruit of the earth. We lift before you the families who fear losing access to food assistance programs amid the continued shutdown of our government. Many people in this nation already live on the edge of hunger, and the threat of losing this important safety net deepens their worry. Strengthen your church to feed the hungry and to speak for those whose voices go unheard. Pour out your comforting spirit upon them and move the hearts of leaders for the sake of the vulnerable. Sustain all who labor so that no child or parent goes unfed. Through Jesus Christ, the bread of life, who gave himself for the life of the world. Amen.

#### For LGBTQ+ People Amid the Reality of Conversion Therapy

God of unending love, you instill dignity and glory in every person. We grieve the reality of conversion therapy, which seeks to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of a person you have knit together beautifully. As the Supreme Court is reviewing bans of conversion therapy—raising fears that protections may be undermined—be with all those who have suffered the cruelty of this treatment. Empower your church to confess that conversion therapy violates the rights and dignity of LGBTQ+ persons. Uphold LGBTQ+ advocates and, above all, pour out your hope on every LGBTQ+ person who has been the victim of mistreatment, discrimination, and abuse. We ask this in the name of Jesus, amen.

## 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 Bacskay, 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, Dan Burnett, Emily Holcomb

**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, Stephen Secaur (Jeremy Secaur's father), Archie Jablonski, Mary Ann Hursky (Aunt of Amy Kellogg)

**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), Dee Knaack, Mark & Laura Burnett, Joyce Toth, Lonnie, Gail Peyton and Linda Dembroski, (daughters of Mary Ann Hursky)