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9AM Faith Formation

June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

Website: www.standrewsucc.org
10:15 am Worship Service

Liturgist: Herb Volk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please stand in body and in spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

When the world divides us

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned

Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

When the world leads us astray

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this space!

Hymn #128 Spirit, Working in Creation

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, have mercy on us. You have united us in diverse community, yet we allow our misunderstanding of one another to bring division and exclusion. You have given us gifts and resources for the good of all people, yet we hoard our gifts ignoring the needs of others. You have filled us with the power of your Holy Spirit, yet we continue to live relying only on our own efforts. You have shown your majesty in our midst, yet we fail to embrace and proclaim your transforming work or the hope that we have in you. Forgive us, we pray and transform us. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Know that through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, God forgives you and strengthens you to live a renewed life. Believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

SENIOR CHOIR Come Holy Spirit Like the Wind Beall/Carter

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of Unity, we gather to hear your voice and to attune ourselves to your movement among us that drives us into the world with your good news of love and life. Inflame us with your Holy Spirit to hear your Word and fill us with the power to speak in word and action new visions of your kingdom. Amen.

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 The word of the Lord.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Hymn Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us Nettleton (words printed)

Please be seated

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Alice Flexer Erin Rush
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Judy Koenig

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)
(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Let us invite the Spirit of God to blow through our lives and our world, as we lift our needs to God in prayer.

We pray, O God, for all who have lost faith in themselves, in others and especially in you. **May your Spirit renew and inspire them again.**

We pray, O God, for all who have lost their hope in what life can become for themselves and for all people.

May your Spirit restore their hope and give them a new vision of life.

We pray, O God, for all who have lost their ability to love freely and recklessly.

May your Spirit remind them of your love and set them free to love again.

We pray, O God, for all who are struggling with illness and suffering from the injustices of the world.

(Silent Prayer)

May your Holy Spirit touch them with your healing presence and empower us to live your kingdom ways on earth.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Holy Spirit of God, fill the world with your peace, fill the Church with your purpose, and fill us with your power. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator (Mother/Father/Spirit), 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

MISSION MOMENT Church World Service Emergency Cleanup Buckets

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

The Spirit of God has been poured out on us. Let us bring our offerings of time, talent, and treasure to ignite and unite this community for the hope of the world around us, near and far.

OFFERTORY

Please stand in body or in spirit

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host. Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Spirit of the Living God, receive our gifts as tangible expressions of our belonging to your church and our commitment to the ministry begun in Christ and continued through this faith community. We dedicate our Strengthen the Church offerings to you for the building up of congregations for the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ. We dedicate the Emergency Cleanup Buckets to you for recovery work in disaster affected areas. Magnify all these gifts in miraculous ways, and make our generosity a demonstration of the love you have given us and we return to the world you love. Amen.

Please be seated

SACRACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(If you are participating online, you're invited to have the elements of bread and the fruit of the vine or something similar to join us around Christ's Table.)

We celebrate the Spirit of God, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness. We celebrate the Spirit of God, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through Him, made the life of God available to all. We celebrate the Spirit of God, who has been poured out on all people, and reveals the reign of God.

We praise you, Spirit of God.

And so, as we gather at the Lord's table, we recognize the Spirit's Presence among us, and we open our hearts to the Spirit's power.

Silence

Lord, we come knowing that we depend on you for life and truth and love. We come knowing that you welcome us with open and accepting arms.

We come ready to meet with you, and be changed by the encounter. Amen.

The Lord Jesus, on the eve of His crucifixion, gathered his friends for a meal.

During supper, he took a loaf of bread, and gave thanks for it.

Then he broke it and passed it among them with these words:

This is my body which is broken for you. Take, eat and remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine and gave thanks for it.

Then he passed it among them with these words:

This is my blood which is shed for you. Take, drink and remember me.

Fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit like a rush of a mighty wind, like a consuming fire. By the power of your Spirit, feed us with bread from heaven and fill us with the new wine of your love. Make us your children, visionaries, dreamers, Spirit-filled.

Teach us to proclaim the good news of salvation in the language of your love until the day of Christ's return. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, Jesus, for this meal of remembrance; And for coming to us, in the Spirit's power. May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives; May the power we receive at this table make us peacemakers and healers; And may the Spirit who fills us again at this table lead us to be those who proclaim God's love in every word we speak and in everything we do. For Jesus' Sake. Amen.

Hymn #719 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

BENEDICTION

Now may the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, guide you in the ways of God and fill you with the peace of Christ. Amen.

Please be seated

Postlude

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THE HOLY SPIRIT

128 Spirit, Working in Creation



Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

(To the tune of Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing)

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, come with Pentecostal pow'r; Give the church a stronger vision, help us face each crucial hour. Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone, Still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears; For tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers. In the church's pilgrim journey, You have led us all the way, Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame. Help our feeble lips to praise You, glorify Your holy name. God, all holy, Son and Spirit, Three in One: what mystery! We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

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GOING FORTH

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