

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

JULY 22, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]

Worship Schedule

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
9:30 am Eucharist (in-person & livestreamed) Coffee hour (following the service) 11:00 am – noon – Sunday School on the 1 st & 3 rd Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church (on vacation until September)		10:00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom 12:30 – 2 pm – Body & Soul: The Tuesday Book Group on Zoom		10:00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom		

Church YouTube Live Stream link for Sunday services:

<https://www.youtube.com/@standrewsepiscopalchurch-n6936>

Church ZOOM link: <https://zoom.us/j/570270415>



A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

“Grace is the celebration of life, relentlessly hounding all the non-celebrants in the world. It is a floating, cosmic bash shouting its way through the streets of the universe, flinging the sweetness of its cassations to every window, pounding at every door in a hilarity beyond all liking and happening, until the prodigals come out at last and dance, and the elder brothers finally take their fingers out of their ears.”

— Robert Farrar Capon, [Between Noon & Three: Romance, Law & the Outrage of Grace](#)

Robert Farrar Capon is a New Testament scholar, priest, and foodie—*The Supper of the Lamb: A culinary book* (1996) is full of recipes and comments on Eucharist, the Supper of the Lamb. Whenever we get to Matthew’s parables of the Kin(g)dom of God, with all the promises of people being cast out into outer darkness “with weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth” I turn to his interpretation of Jesus’ parables.

Good news: With Jesus’ death and resurrection anyone who wants can accept the unmerited grace poured out for all—no requirements, no condemnation for “bad” behavior or rewards for “good” behavior, just say “yes” to grace. Bad news: often humans don’t want that grace! It’s not fair, not in our control, not our plan. When we don’t accept grace, we condemn ourselves, in this life and the next, to life of worry and pain, self-pity and judgment that backfires on us and those around us. Good news: the invitation is always open.

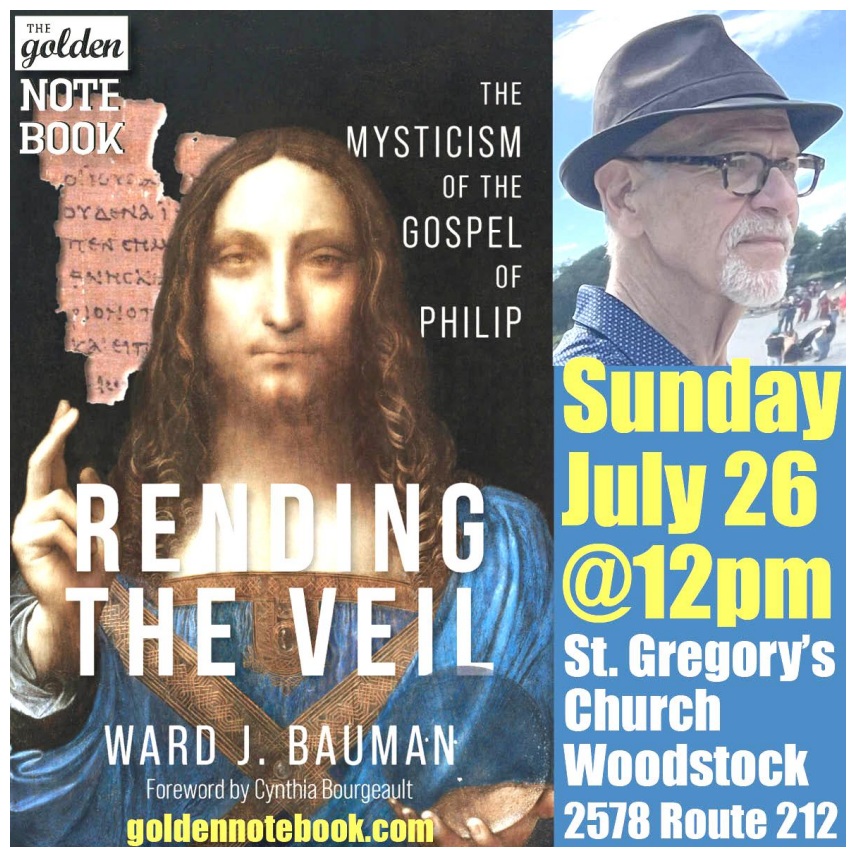
Sunday, while I’m away celebrating my daughter Marin’s marriage in Great Barrington, MA, you’ll hear several parables of the kin(g)dom. The kindom is like a mustard seed, or yeast, or hidden treasure, or a pearl of great price, a net full of “all sorts and conditions” of fish. It is in this world, in unexpected places, and it nurtures life. Its joy is contagious. Love God. Love yourself. Love others. Love creation. Love enemies. That’s all and everything grace empowers us to do. So say yes!

A WEEKEND WITH WARD BAUMAN & THE GOSPEL OF PHILIP

This Saturday, July 25th, the Rev. Ward Bauman, former director of the Episcopal House of Prayer, will lead a retreat day at St. Gregory's from 10:00-3:00 exploring the mysticism of the Gospel of Philip. All are welcome! Lunch will be provided; there is a suggested \$25 donation.

On Sunday, Ward will join St. Gregory's as guest preacher at their 10:00 AM worship service. At 12:00, he will offer an hour-long presentation on his new book, *Rending the Veil: The Mysticism of the Gospel of Philip*, in partnership with the Golden Notebook. Books will be available for sale and signing. The event is free and open to the public.

The Gospel of Philip was found in the Egyptian desert in 1945, along with The Gospel of Thomas, as part of the manuscript discovery now known as the Nag Hammadi Library, and explores the Jerusalem Temple and the Christian sacraments as models for the stages of consciousness passed through in the mystical journey. Some have called it a charter for "Christian tantra"--an understanding of embodiment as a path to, and expression of, God, rather than something to be avoided or overcome on the spiritual path.



SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (July 26)

LEM: Rae Slingerland
Lector: Annette Johnson
Usher: David Slingerland
Altar Guild: Jennifer McPherson
Music: Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour: Charlene Wynkoop
Live Stream Tech: Charlie Burgner

Save the Date!

Sat., Oct. 3, 2026 6pm

New York

Lamentations

**A Play about Slavery and its Legacy in
the Hudson Valley,**

written by Rev. Chuck Kramer,

Produced by Jeannine Otis,

Sponsored by the Diocesan

Reparations Commission and

Episcopal Campus Ministry

Contact standrewsrev@gmail.com

**Held at
Lutheran
Church of the
Redeemer, New
Paltz**

For more info
about the play,



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ACTION CORNER

Steps you can take to work on justice. Ideas welcome!!

Actions for this week

Prayer is an action too!

Sign up for [Episcopal Church Public Policy Network's weekly prayers](#) for various people at risk. You can hear them on Zoom every Monday at 11:45, or read them at your leisure. [The Episcopal Public Policy Network](#) suggests actions for concerns agreed to at triennial General Conventions; now they are adding prayers as well.

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COFFEE HOUR

Sign up to do coffee hour on sign up sheet in the parish hall. Information on how easy it is to participate in this ministry is on the sheet and in the kitchen.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Friends & Family Celebration

Sunday, September 27, 2026

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FOOD COLLECTION

There is a basket at the entryway to the church where we ask that you place **non-perishable food items** for distribution to those who come by for Free Fresh Food as well as to Family of New Paltz.



BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS

The architect, Allen Ross, is working with the Building Renovation committee and has begun getting bids from contractors.

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week Brenda, Carla, Valerie, Annette, Cathy, Janet, The Simons Family, and Jane. Thank you to those who help with the free fresh food project, those who tend to the grounds of the church and vicarage, and those who are helping with the live streaming of the Sunday service.

Church Office Hours

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 23

If you need to reach someone when the office is closed, contact The Rev. Allison Moore at 845-633-8272 or by email to standrewsrev@gmail.com; Julie Mazur, Senior Warden at 845-853-3708; or David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 845-702-2552.



ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

FREE FRESH FOOD!

Free Fresh Food 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 1st Sundays: Reformed Church of New Paltz; 2nd Sundays: Redeemer Lutheran Church; **3rd Sundays: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**; 4th Sundays: Methodist Church; 5th Sundays: New Paltz Friends Meeting, 8 N. Manheim

Andy's Peeps

Online forum for St. Andrew's community
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/>

Sunday School

First & third Sundays, 11:00 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church

St. Andrew's Website (www.standrewnp.org)

Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/>)



Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for especially ***Charles, Edna, Sheila, DuSean, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Charlene, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Rodger, Jennifer, Ann, Laura, Renee.***