

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

JULY 30, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7,16; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

[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)		10:00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom		10:00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom		
11:00 am – noon – Sunday School on the 1 st & 3 rd Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church (on vacation until September)		12:30 – 2 pm – Body & Soul: The Tuesday Book Group 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

"It's not fair!" God, and the brothers in this story, all too often turn human notions of fairness on their heads. We'll hear one of the accounts of the feeding of the 5,000 on Sunday. Jesus looks at the crowd with compassion; may we also learn to look on others with a compassionate heart and willing hands.

A Jewish/Arab Folk Tale (found at [Suzanne Guthrie's website](#) Edge of the Enclosure)

Once there were two brothers who inherited their father's land. The brothers divided the land in half and each one farmed his own section. Over time, the older brother married and had six children, while the younger brother never married.

One night, the younger brother lay awake. "It's not fair that each of us has half the land to farm," he thought. "My brother has six children to feed and I have none. He should have more grain than I do."

So that night the younger brother went to his silo, gathered a large bundle of wheat, and climbed the hill that separated the two farms and over to his brother's farm. Leaving the wheat in his brother's silo, the younger brother returned home, feeling pleased with himself.

Earlier that very same night, the older brother was also lying awake. "It's not fair that each of us has half the land to farm," he thought. "In my old age my wife and I will have our grown children to take care of us, not to mention grandchildren, while my brother will probably have none. He should at least sell more grain from the fields now so he can provide for himself with dignity in his old age."

So that night, too, he secretly gathered a large bundle of wheat, climbed the hill, left it in his brother's silo, and returned home, feeling pleased with himself.

The next morning, the younger brother was surprised to see the amount of grain in his barn unchanged. "I must not have taken as much wheat as I thought," he said, bemused. "Tonight I'll be sure to take more."

That very same moment, his older brother was also standing in his barn, musing much the same thoughts.

After night fell, each brother gathered a greater amount of wheat from his barn and in the dark, secretly delivered it to his brother's barn. The next morning, the brothers were again

puzzled and perplexed. "How can I be mistaken?" each one scratched his head. "There's the same amount of grain here as there was before I cleared the pile for my brother. This is impossible! Tonight I'll make no mistake - I'll take the pile down to the very floor. That way I'll be sure the grain gets delivered to my brother."

The third night, more determined than ever, each brother gathered a large pile of wheat from his barn, loaded it onto a cart, and slowly pulled his haul through the fields and up the hill to his brother's barn. At the top of the hill, under the shadow of a moon, each brother noticed a figure in the distance. Who could it be?

When the two brothers recognized the form of the other brother and the load he was pulling behind, they realized what had happened. Without a word, they dropped the ropes to their carts and embraced.

SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (August 2)

LEM:	Rae Slingerland
Lector:	Sally Vasse
Usher:	David Slingerland
Altar Guild:	Cathy Kelly
Music:	Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour:	The Simons Family or Charlene Wynkoop
Live Stream Tech:	Jane Conger

SKILLS FOR DISAGREEING BETTER

August 11

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Elting Library, New Paltz

The Skills for Disagreeing Better workshop helps participants understand the values and concerns of those who differ from them politically and teaches essential skills for communicating across differences and finding common ground.

Seating is limited; please register in advance through the library calendar:

<https://eltinglibrary.libcal.com/event/16689560>

Hosted by Hudson River Valley Alliance of Braver Angels, a national, cross-partisan non-profit dedicated to political depolarization and civic renewal in our country (www.braverangels.org)

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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SAVE THE DATE!

Friends & Family Celebration

Sunday, September 27, 2026

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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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BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS

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

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.

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.

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week Rae, Annette, David, Jennifer, Janet, Charlie, and Luba. 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

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.***