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Our sympathy is with Lisa Bernhardt on the death of her father, Ken.

Coming Up

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Big Serve – 10 Years Strong! Saturday, May 3 | Register in the atrium gostandrew.com/bigserve

Carnival Youth Auction Ongoing through April 20 Register to bid online.

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Methodism 101 – Virtual Class Tuesdays, April 8–22 | 6:30–8 pm gostandrew.com/studies

Seder Meal with Rabbi Joe Charnes Monday, April 14 | 6–8 pm Register at gostandrew.com/events

Blood Drive Good Friday, April 18 | 1–5 pm gostandrew.com/events

Earth Day Green Fair
Sunday, April 27 | 8:30 am - 12 pm
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Community Picnic in the Park Sunday, May 4 | 4–6 pm | Civic Green Park Special stage music by Crowded Table RSVP at gostandrew.com/life

Littleton Fine Arts Guild Exhibition Ongoing through May 14gostandrew.com/arts

Dinner with Friends
Registration now open for May–July
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April 13, 2025

Words for Meditation

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us."

- Marriane Williamson

Scripture

Luke 19:28-40

Today's Questions

- 1. Do you ever worry that whatever you're pouring yourself into won't be good enough, or that people will not like it?
- 2. If you could free yourself from the fear of rejection, how would it change how you live your life? Would it free you to experience more deeply the joy of simply being who you are? Would you take more risks, explore new possibilities, if you weren't driven by the need for affirmation?

Today's Takeaways

1. We	what we most want	
2. Our	is a source of	and
3. Our deepest fear is not that we are		, but that we are

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday • April 13 8 am, 9 am, 10:30 am Holy Thursday • April 17 7:30 pm Good Friday • April 18
12 pm – Tenebrae Service
7:30 pm – Scripture, Hymns, Rutter's Requiem
Saturday Vigil • April 19

Easter Sunday • April 20

6 am • Sunrise Service with Communion – Outdoors Led by the Youth Leadership Team | Youth Choir **Sanctuary Services**

8 am & 9:30 am – Classic Worship Choir, Orchestra; singing of Hallelujah Chorus

7:30 pm – Begins Outdoors at the Labyrinth

11 am – Modern Worship Crowded Table Collective

8 am • Nursery/Childcare ages 0–5 9:30 & 11 am • Nursery & Kids Programming

7:30 am – 12:30 pm • Photo Booth Bring flowers to adorn the living cross!



The Beautiful Empty

April 13, 2025

St. Andrew

Our Vision: Bringing more love, justice and community into the world. Our Mission: To love God with our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to

Lenten Sermon Series

The Beautiful Empty: Lent 2025

Blaise Pascal once spoke of the "God-shaped vacuum" in the heart of every person that can only be filled by God. Yet we spend so much of our lives trying to fill that vacuum with everything but God. When we feel worthless, we seek validation from our work. When we suffer from loneliness, we turn to relationships to save us. When we experience boredom, we binge on entertainment. When we feel overwhelmed or self-conscious, we reach for altered states.

The God-shaped hole only grows deeper and wider as we fill it with the things that do not satisfy. But the season of Lent invites us to let go of our attachments and dependencies, emptying ourselves of all our cheap substitutes for God, so we can finally see ourselves for who we really are—needy, imperfect, unfinished, still-becoming people in need of a tender, patient, gracious God. It's only by experiencing our emptiness that the God-shaped hole can finally be filled, healed, and blessed by that which truly satisfies.

March 9 • *Power* (Luke 4:1–13)

March 16 • Desire (Philippians 3:17–4:1)

March 23 • *Pride* (Luke 13:1–9)

March 30 • Perfection (Luke 15:1–3, 11–32)

April 6 • Calculation (John 12:1–8)

April 13 • Affirmation (Luke 19:28–40)

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We embrace the message of Jesus that everyone is loved by God and affirm that all persons are of sacred worth. Regardless of your age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, education, marital status, physical and mental capacities, or faith history—you belong here. Just as you are.

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8 am

Sanctuary and Livestream

9 & 10:30 am

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