

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - August 4, 2024



The psalmist praised the Lord for satisfying the needs of every living creature. He is near to all who call upon him! God provided food for the Israelites in the wilderness as their hunger was about to overtake them. Jesus proclaimed his true identity as the "bread of life" to those who witnessed the miraculous feeding of the 5,000. God is always at work supplying his children with "daily bread."

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and return our thanks in prayer and praise.
- ◆ All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join with us today.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

MUSICIAN: KAREN WARNELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE - Karen Warnell

▲ HYMN "STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS" LBW# 389

▲ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (Spoken)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(SILENCE FOR REFLECTION AND SELF-EXAMINATION)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise every morning to serve Him. **Amen**

▲ PRAYER AND GREETING (Spoken)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

▲ SHARE THE PEACE

▲ LITANY - Adapted from **Psalm 1 (NLT)**

Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

Or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.

They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season.

Their leaves never wither,

And they prosper in all they do.

We worship you dear Lord, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

▼ HYMN "WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE" (Praise Hymnal 128) INSERT

▲ READINGS - **Genesis 9:8-17, Galatians 4:4-7** (NLT)

PLEASE STAND FOR THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Genesis 9:8-17, ⁸ Then God told Noah and his sons, ⁹ "I hereby confirm my covenant with you and your descendants, ¹⁰ and with all the animals that were on the boat with you—the birds, the livestock, and all the wild animals—every living creature on earth. ¹¹ Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth."

¹² Then God said, "I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come. ¹³ I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth. ¹⁴ When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds, ¹⁵ and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures. Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life. ¹⁶ When I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the eternal covenant between God and every living creature on earth." ¹⁷ Then God said to Noah, "Yes, this rainbow is the sign of the covenant I am confirming with all the creatures on earth."

Galatians 4:4-7, ⁴ But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵ God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. ⁶ And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father." ⁷ Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. ^[d] And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

▼ KCJAM/CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

LET US PRAY FOR THE STUDENTS

LORD, BLESS THESE BACKPACKS AND THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO CARRY THEM AS THEY BEGIN YET ANOTHER YEAR OF SCHOOL. GIVE THEM PEACE WHEN THEY FEEL NERVOUS, FOCUS WHEN THEY FEEL DISTRACTED, ENERGY WHEN THEY FEEL TIRED. OPEN THEIR MINDS TO THE LESSONS THEY WILL LEARN BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. HELP THEM TO MAKE FRIENDS THAT BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP AND BE FRIENDS TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM. GUIDE THEM IN MAKING GOOD CHOICES AS THEY GROW IN WISDOM AND MATURITY. BE EVER-PRESENT WITH THEM IN THE CLASSROOM, ON THE SCHOOL BUS, ON THE PLAYGROUND, AND AT HOME, AND MAY THEY FEEL YOUR LOVING CARE IN ALL THEY DO.

LET US PRAY FOR THE TEACHERS AND STAFF

LORD, BLESS THOSE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEACHING FUTURE GENERATIONS. AS THEY EMBARK ON A NEW SCHOOL YEAR, GRANT THEM ENERGY, PASSION, DISCIPLINE, AND ENDURANCE FOR THEIR DAILY TASKS. INFUSE THEIR CLASSROOMS WITH AN ATMOSPHERE OF CARE AND MUTUAL RESPECT, THAT ALL INTERACTIONS THERE WILL BE BATHED IN PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING. HELP THEIR LESSONS TO GROW PUPILS IN BOTH KNOWLEDGE AND CHARACTER AND HELP US ALL TO SUPPORT THE WORK THESE TEACHERS DO BUILDING UP OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR FUTURE.

LET US PRAY FOR THE DONATED BACKPACKS AND SUPPLIES

LORD, BLESS THESE BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND THE CHILDREN WHO WILL USE THEM. LET THESE PHYSICAL GIFTS BE SYMBOLS OF THE LOVE AND SUPPORT WE GIVE TO THE CHILDREN OF OUR COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. HELP US TO LOOK UPON EVERY CHILD IN OUR COMMUNITY AS ONE OF OUR OWN, HELPING THEM TO GROW IN CHARACTER AND KNOWLEDGE.

IN JESUS PRECIOUS NAME WE PRAY. AMEN

▼ MESSAGE - **THE STORY OF THE BIBLE: The Hebrew Scriptures**

▲ HYMN - "THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION" LBW #369

▲ APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken)

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

▼ PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs...

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

▲ OFFERING PRAYER (Spoken)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

▲ OUR RESPONSE (Sung)

**Praise God from who all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

▼ THE LORD'S SUPPER

▼ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

▼ LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

▼ AGNUS DEI (Sung)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

▼ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(All who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to join with us today.)

▲ COMMUNION BLESSING

▲ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Spoken)

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

▼ INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

▲ BENEDICTION (Spoken)

May the God of peace fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

▲ SENDING SONG - "ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS" LBW #509

▲ DISMISSAL (Spoken)

Grow in faith! Love God. Serve others. Share Christ. **Impact the world!**

POSTLUDE