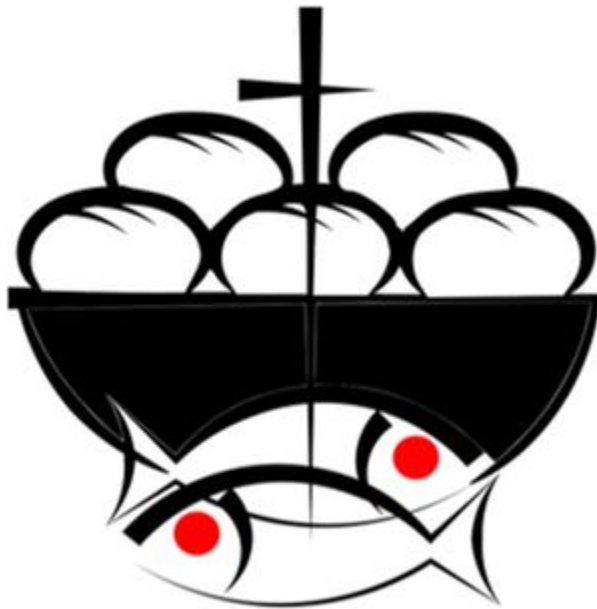




The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

10:15 a.m.



JESUS FED THE 5000

Welcome to Church of the Ascension

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to
Connect with God and one another,
Grow in faith and understanding, and
Serve the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all
and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Christ-centered + Spirit-filled + Mission-minded

The Liturgy of the Word of God

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. William Pugliese

☩ *Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome

Prelude

☩ Processional Hymn

“I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord”

Hymnal #304

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise him here.

2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world
we'll live and speak his praise.

3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.

The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

Words: Brian A. Wren

Music: *Land of Rest*

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: Canticle 13

Hymnal #S236

John Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you.

4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
you.

6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

The Collect

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from The Second Book of the Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the

people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:10-19

- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.
- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:14-21

A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Chapel

Children ages 3 – 8 and their Leaders exit to "Children's Chapel," returning at the Peace.

♠ Sequence Song

"Speak, O Lord"

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you, to re-ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word,
take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness;
that the light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith;
speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your pur - pos-es for your glo - ry.

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The Gospel: John 6:1-21

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. William Pugliese

✠ **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People: Adapted from *Planning for Rites and Rituals*

In freedom you have created us and called us to work and rest in your generous love. Hear our prayers on behalf of all your creation and empower us to share in your healing and reconciling work as we pray.

Lord God, we pray for Michael, Sean, Carrie our bishops, and your whole Church, that we may proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord not only in our words but in our deeds. In your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Lord God, let your dominion guide Joseph our President, and all rulers and authorities of the world, that they may know that power belongs to you, and that they may exercise their own power in wisdom, compassion and love. In your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Lord God, we pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for those whose lives include hunger, financial insecurity, fear, violence, war, and those who suffer from natural disasters. In your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Lord God, we bring to your healing compassion all for whom we pray, especially Joy,

Jenny, Pierre-Henry+, Katelyn, Buck, Ernest, Mary, Joanne, Rick, Sondra, Janice, Kathy, Allan+, and those who we name now silently or aloud (*silence*). In your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Lord God, we give you thanks for Emma, Lew and Mary, Ray and Dorothy, celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, for all the blessings of this life, especially those we name now silently or aloud (*silence*). In your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

We pray for all who have died. In your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

The Celebration of the Holy Communion

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Offertory “For the Fruits of His Creation/O Praise the Name of the Lord Our God”

1. For the fruits of His creation,
Thanks be to God!
For His gifts to every nation,
Thanks be to God!
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping;
Future needs in earth's safe keeping,
Thanks be to God!

2. In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and
despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3. For the harvests of His Spirit,
 Thanks be to God!
 For the good we all inherit,
 Thanks be to God!
 For the wonders that astound us, for the
 truths that still confound us,
 Most of all, that love has found us,
 Thanks be to God!

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O praise the Name of the Lord our God.
 O praise His Name forever more.
 For endless days we will sing Your praise.
 O Lord, O Lord our God.

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✠ Presentation Hymn

“The Doxology”

Hymnal #380, v. 3

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
 him a-bove ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2 from *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
 From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and
 brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every
 living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we
 rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
 you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.
 And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through
 eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

Sanctus

Hymnal #S129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever.



The Lord's Prayer

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say:

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 forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into

temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

☩ The Breaking of Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

“Jesus Lamb of God”



1. Je-sus, Lamb of
God,
you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer-cy on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God; you
take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

The Communion of the People

All baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion in front of the altar. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. To receive the wine, you can either drink from the common cup or dip your host held by the second Eucharist minister on both sides of the priest. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Music

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Refrain:

You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat
Come give to us, O Saving Lord
The Bread of Life to eat

1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep
They know and heed his voice
So when you call your family Lord
We follow and rejoice *Refrain*

2. With joyful lips, we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy Lord
To share this heavenly food *Refrain*

Words: Omar Westendorf

3. Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Does not one cup, one loaf declare
Our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*

4. The mystery of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*

5. You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in
your name in truth and charity. *Refrain*

Music: *Bicentennial*, Robert Kreutz

✠ Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ The Blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

✠ Recessional Hymn

“All Glory Be To Christ”



1. Should noth - ing of our ef - forts stand, no leg - a - cy sur - vive;
2. His will be done, His king - dom come, on earth as is a - bove;
3. When on the day the great I Am, the Faith - ful and the True

Un - less the Lord does raise the house, in vain its build - ers strive.
Who is Him - self our dai - ly bread, praise Him the Lord of love.
The Lamb who was for sin - ners slain, is mak - ing all things new.

To you who boast to - mor - row's gain, tell me what is your life?
Let liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price,
Be - hold our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light,

A mist that van - ish - es at dawn, all glo - ry be to Christ!
We'll take a cup of kind - ness yet, all glo - ry be to Christ!
And we shall e'er His peo - ple be, all glo - ry be to Christ!

All glo - ry be to Christ, our King. All glo - ry be to Christ!

His rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glo - ry be to Christ!

✠ The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

Worship Assistants	July 28	August 4
Organist	Mary Butler	Donna Parker
Musicians	Adult Ensemble	Praise Ensemble
Ushers	Beatrice Howe, <i>1 needed</i>	David Horn
Acolyte	Ellen Anderson	James and Alex Corns
Lector	Jim Fariss	Olivia Carpenter
Chalicians	Sandy White, Susan Considine, Helen Lang, Kat Dittrich	Sandy White, Hohn Holbert <i>2 needed</i>
Worship Slides	Bobbie Gooding	Jill Horn
Audio Visual	Nick Hoff	Travis Collins

July Altar Guild: Team 4

Kim Tompkins Charlie Aler Beverly Baker Jenny Beeker Helen Lang

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Greg and Debbie Linard, in joyful celebration of daughter, Melissa's wedding to Quentin West.

The Bread and Wine

The Bread and Wine are given to the glory of God by Greg and Debbie Linard, in joyful celebration of daughter, Melissa's wedding to Quentin West.

The Bread and Wine are given to the glory of God by Roger and Donna Bair, in loving memory of daughter-in-law, Robin Bair on her birthday.

The Bread and Wine are given to the glory of God by David Kreider, in memory of H. Guy Kreider.

The Bread and wine are given to the glory of God by Tom and Sharon Schwartz, in celebration of grandson, Camden Plog's birthday.

Attendance: July 21:

8:00 am - 23 10:15 am In-person - 70 YouTube - 5 Facebook - 1 **Total: 99**

Readings for Next Sunday: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - B

Exodus 16:2-4,9-15 Psalm 78 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35

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