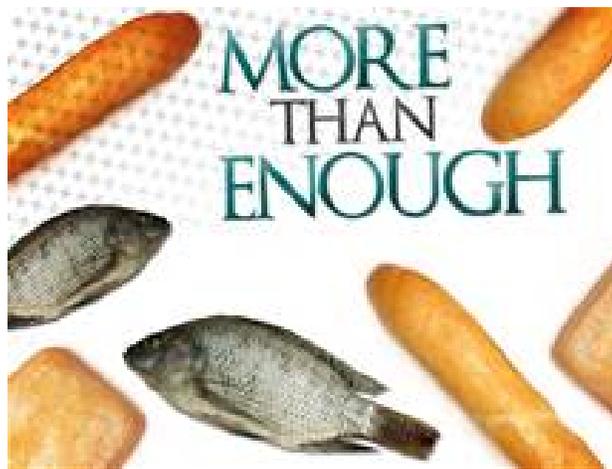


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July 25, 2021

Lectionary 17

10:00 am

Pastor Michael Frye, Interim Pastor

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
 Zion, let me enter there,
 where my soul in joyful duty
 waits for God who answers prayer.
 Oh, how blessed is this place,
 filled with solace, light, and grace!

- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
 come thou also unto me;
 where we find thee and adore thee,
 there a heav'n on earth must be.
 To my heart, oh, enter thou,
 let it be thy temple now!

- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
 here thy seed is duly sown;
 let my soul, where it is planted,
 bring forth precious sheaves alone,
 so that all I hear may be
 fruitful unto life in me.

- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,
 let me keep thy gift divine;
 howsoe'er temptations thicken,
 may thy word still o'er me shine
 as my guiding star through life,
 as my comfort in all strife.

- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
 let thy will be done indeed;
 may I undisturbed draw near thee
 while thou dost thy people feed.
 Here of life the fountain flows;
 here is balm for all our woes.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Michael

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from 2 Kings

42A 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." 43But 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." 44He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 145:10-18 (Read responsively)

10All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**11They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,**

12to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**13Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

**14The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

15The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

**16You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

17The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.

**18The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

A reading from Ephesians

14For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 16I 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, 17and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

C: Alleluia,

**Lord, to whom shall we go,
You have the words of eternal life,
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you O Lord

1After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. 2A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5When 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?" 6He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people? 10Jesus 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. 11Then 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. 12When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 13So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14When 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."

15When 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.

16When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, 17got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. 19When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. 20But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 21Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Michael

HYMN OF THE DAY Break Now the Bread of Life

- 1 Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you,
O living Word.
- 2 Bless your own word of truth,
dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace,
my All-in-All!

3 You are the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live
with you above;
teach me to love your truth,
for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.

APOSTLES CREED

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

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

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

C: Your mercy is great.

C: Amen.

ANTHEM

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You reveal your glory of the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor,
one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your
eternal glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on
earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and
ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share his heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

P: Come to the table of the Lord to receive this holy and precious gift of life.

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Michael W. Frye

Ann Bolick

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Cheryl Opel

Barbara Linker

Chris Beaver

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Communion Assistants

Altar Guild

Crucifer

Lector

Usher

Vocalists

Accompanists

Sound Tech

Streaming Tech

Power Point

Tellers

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by: Mike & Barbara Linker in memory of Homer Love's birthday (7/31) and Betty Love's birthday (8/21) and by Nanette Thompson in memory of her mother, Nancy Thompson and Aunt Betty Thompson.

Announcements

A.T. ALLEN SCHOOL DRIVE...August 1 - September 12, 2021...Supplies will be delivered to the school on Monday, September 13th.

No pencils or notebook paper are needed this year.

Teachers have requested the following items:

Black/white marble composition books instead of notebook paper.

Crayola crayons (24 pack)

Kleenex

Plastic rectangular pencil boxes

Lysol wipes, hand sanitizer, paper towel

glue sticks

dry erase markers

Crayola markers

BOOK BAGS are welcomed but NOT rolling bags

Quarterly Contribution Statements are in the Narthex. Please pick yours up ASAP. They will not be mailed out.

The Children's Ministry would like to thank WELCA for sponsoring the Children's Ministry Supply Drive this past Sunday at church. We appreciate all who brought supplies, gift cards, and money for use with the children. We will certainly use it all. Thank you again. Barbara Linker and Nancy Jones

CCM July Needs for AUGUST: PEANUT BUTTER, JARS OF JELLY/JAM, BAGS OF PET FOOD (always have a lot of donations for cat food but are low on bags of DOG food), as always, BABY WIPES and TOILET TISSUE ,*PLASTIC BAGS & EGG CARTONS* are **ALWAYS** needed.

The Visitation Team would like to invite interested congregation members to join us for our August Visitation Team meeting. Come see what this important ministry is all about and see if you would like to join us for the fun and meaningful support of our members who are unable to get to the church on Sundays. Our next meeting will be August 2, at 2:00pm. We will meet in the Coffee House this month. We look forward to seeing you then!

We are still in need of volunteers to be Crucifer. While we would like this to primarily be a youth activity; adults are welcome. The requirements are simple. See or call Tim Bolick if you have any questions. Can this be the place you need to serve?

Altar flower donations. We have open vases in the coming weeks. Please consider signing up for a vase (or two). Each vase is \$27. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4bafaa2falfd0-2021>. Call Linda if you need assistance.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Sunday School, each Sunday at 9:00 am in the Coffee House. Contact Ron Smith for more information.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, each week at 9:00 am in the Children's Building. See Nancy Jones or Barbara Linker.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet with Pastor Michael in his office at 9:00 am until further notice.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 pm - contact the office for sign in information.

Prayers

Homebound: John & Brenda Thompson, Bob Chertok

In Special Facilities: Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living), Peggy Morgan (5 Oaks Manor), Sylvia Faggart (Concord Place)

Continued Prayers for: Dan Gleason, Lisa McKinnon, Darrell McKinnon, Scott Perkins, JJ Brava, Junior Barringer, Julia Cox, Kach Boyden, Tom Kennedy, Eileen Sausley, Johnny Thompson, Calvin Fletcher

Attendance	July 18, 2021
Adult SS	28
Children's SS	3 kids/2 adults
Youth	2
Worship	55
YouTube Views	47

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