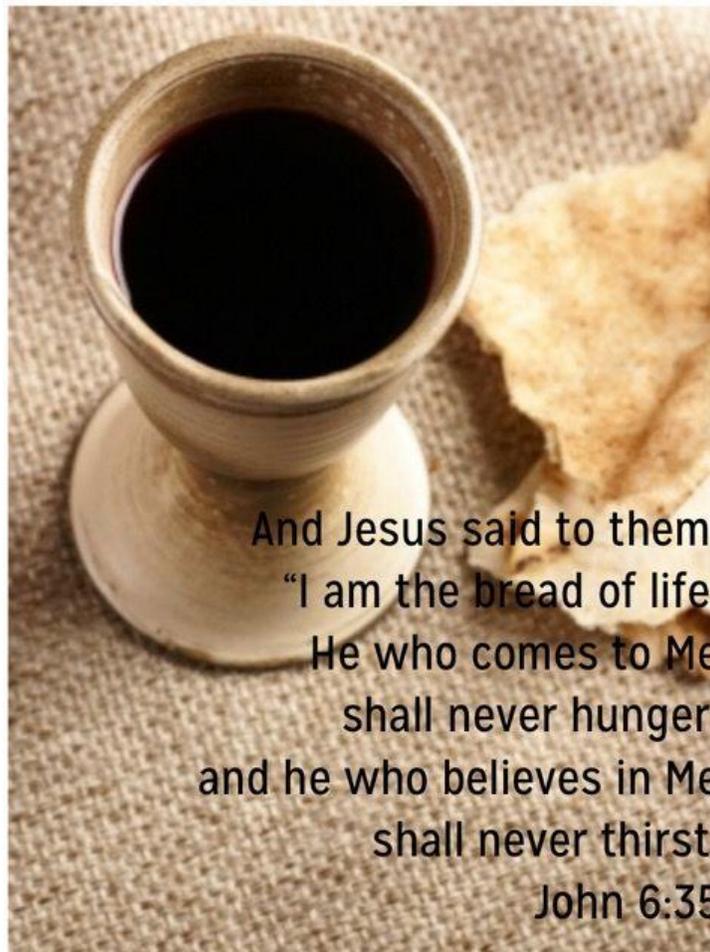


St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021 – 9:00 AM
The Holy Eucharist & Baptism – Contemporary Service



And Jesus said to them,
“I am the bread of life.
He who comes to Me
shall never hunger,
and he who believes in Me
shall never thirst.
John 6:35

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Prelude *No Not One* **by George C. Hugg, Lenny LeBlanc,
Johnson Oatman Jr.**

Gather *Lord I Lift Your Name on High* **by Rick Founds**

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated*

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower

parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

How Great Are You Lord

by Lynn DeShazo

Gospel

John 6:24-35

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes

down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon (*seated*)

Rev. Rodney Roehner

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Celebrant says

Beloved in the Lord, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father to witness the Sacrament of Holy Baptism by which this person is to be made a member of Christ’s Body, the Church. By the working of this holy sacrament, ordained by Christ himself, this person, will die to sin and be raised to newness of life, receiving the fullness of God’s grace that she may faithfully serve him all the days of her life.

The Celebrant continues

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Aubrey Jean Reynolds to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant then asks the parents and godparents.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life; learn the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to her soul’s health?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God’s help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ; and take heed that this child, so soon as sufficiently instructed, be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Then Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says

Dearly beloved, let us join with her who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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 to the dead.

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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ Jesus?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every person?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as our Savior Christ said, No one can enter the Kingdom of God, except he be regenerate and born anew of Water and of the Holy Spirit; I beseech you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his bounteous mercy he will grant to this person that which by nature she cannot have; that she may be baptized with Water and the Holy Spirit, and received into Christ's holy Church, and made a living member of the same.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate.

Aubrey, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Then Priest marks on the forehead the sign of the cross with chrism, saying to each one

Aubrey, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

People **Amen.**

A Baptismal Candle is lighted from the Paschal Candle and presented, the Celebrant saying

Receive the light of Christ, so that when the Bridegroom comes you may go forth with all the saints to meet him; and see that you keep the grace of your baptism.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace *(all stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory

No Longer Slaves

**by Brian Johnson, Joel Case,
Jonathon David Helser**

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus

Holy Holy Holy

by Larry Hampton

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. ✠ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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 the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Anthem *Sanctuary* **by John W. Thompson, Randy Scruggs**

The Celebrant then faces the People while elevating the Sacrament and says

✠ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Spiritual Communion – *for those watching online*

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of the Church where your Blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually

into my soul. I unite myself unto you, and embrace you with all the affections of my heart. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your Love. Amen.

Communion Hymn *I Am the Bread of Life* **by John Michael Talbot**

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 Celebrant says the following 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 among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Service Hymn *All the People Said Amen* **by Matt Maher, Paul Moak,**
Trevor Morgan

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Pound the Pantry

We are thrilled to have a newly cleaned and organized kitchen. However, we now need your help to re-stock the pantry! If you would like to help, please go here: <https://tinyurl.com/parishpantry-SMEC> Donations may be placed in the box located in the narthex. Thank you!

Lifelong Learning – Sunday School

We are looking forward to September, and the return to in-person Sunday School, with great anticipation. Stay tuned next week for information on a Sunday School Open House to be held in the end of August.

Parish Hall Labyrinth Prototype

Have you noticed the green tape on our parish hall floors? If you haven't, take a look during this morning's coffee hour. Eleven Saint Matthew's youth gathered a few weeks ago to support Nathaniel Mathew in creating this prototype of his Eagle Scout project, a prayer labyrinth. Nathaniel is planning on creating a larger, eco-conscious version of the labyrinth on our church campus later this summer. The final version will be grass-hewn, with a stone path leading to its threshold, and with a small trailhead to direct visitors. We invite you to *test drive* the labyrinth in our parish hall throughout July and August anytime you like. Call the church office if you would like to walk it as an individual or a family during non-worship hours. Nathaniel would appreciate any feedback on the pattern he is proposing. While you're there, take a look at the art pieces we created as a youth group this year. **If you'd like to donate funds to Nathaniel's project, please contribute here: <https://tithely.com/give?c=1645637>**

Episcopal Community Services Programs

Do you know someone struggling to achieve certain goals, or work toward self-sufficiency? Episcopal Community Services (ECS) has several free programs (virtual) that might be right for them. The programs currently running are listed here. Pass them on!

The RISE Initiative: A workforce development program that helps connect people to employment, build their skills, and chart the course for their next steps in life. Benefits include: Access to our employer network; monetary incentives; 1-on-1 career coaching; connections to training & educational opportunities; \$25 for completing enrollment; Monthly grocery store gift card. Participants have the opportunity to earn up to \$250 for accomplishing goals and they are eligible for a gift card to a grocery store of their choosing. **Details:** Running now through mid-December (virtual). [Click here.](#)

Feed Your Potential 365: A hands-on group experience that teaches people how to prepare affordable, healthy meals for their family, be a smart grocery shopper, and understand the role of food in their health. The series includes cooking demonstrations, food tastings, healthy ingredient swaps and health & wellbeing workshops. **Details:** Tuesdays, 7/20 – 8/24, 4-5pm (virtual). [Click here.](#)

The Father's Group: A group for fathers and paternal figures who want to be more present in their child's life. Whether they need parenting advice or are looking for a support system, this group can help men become better, more present figures in children's lives. **Details:** Saturdays, 7/24 – 10/9, 3-4pm (virtual). [Click here.](#)

The Parent Connection: A supportive series that promotes parental competence and aims to improve primary parent/caregiver and child relationships. Topics include the stages of child development, coping with COVID-19 and social distancing, spending quality time with children, varied approaches to positive parenting, meditation and stress reduction tips, resource sharing, and other wellness activities. **Details:** Mondays and Wednesdays, August 16 – September 27, 2x a week for 6 weeks (virtual). [Click here.](#)