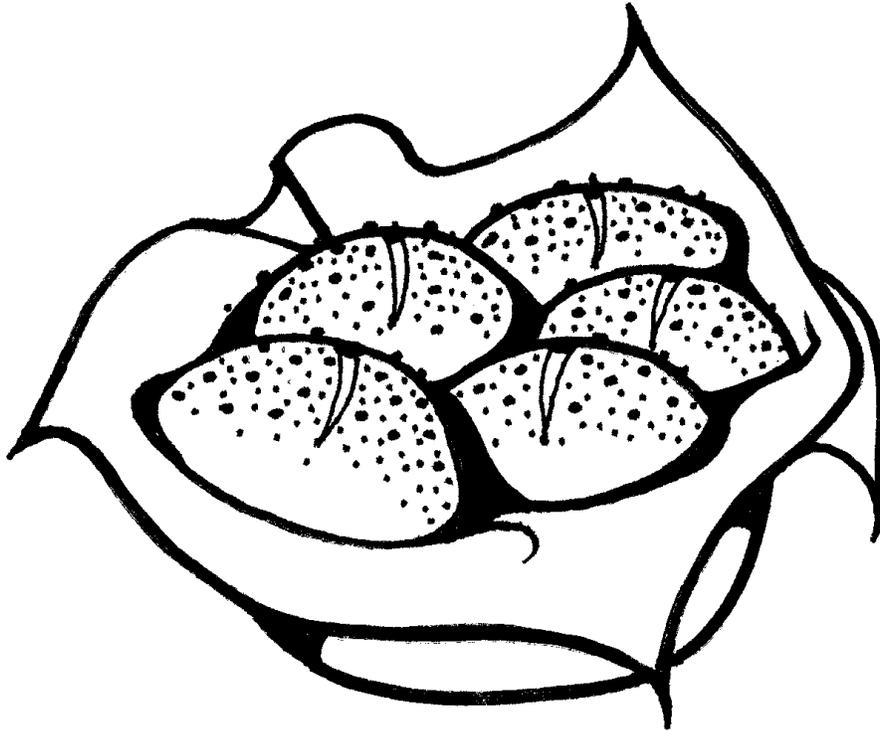


Grace Church in the Mountains

August 1, 2021 | 8:00 am



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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (*Proper 13*)

WELCOME! / ¡BIENVENIDOS!

We are honored by your presence as we gather as God's people to worship in the "beauty of holiness" through our ancient liturgy, contemporary prayers, and vibrant community.

Audio and visual aids, as well as "worship bags" for children, are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Following the service, please join us in Thatcher Hall for coffee and fellowship.

MISSION FOCUS 2021

Celebrating that Christ is all and in all

by

Seeking Inviting

Belonging Serving

Reverencing God's Creation

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Presider says

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

All: **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. Amen.**

(Be seated)

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A Reading from the book of Exodus

²The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. ³The Israelites said to them, "Oh, how we wish that the LORD had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you've brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I'm going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I'll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction.

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole Israelite community, 'Come near to the LORD, because he's heard your complaints.'" ¹⁰As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses, ¹²"I've heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" They didn't know what it was.

Moses said to them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 78:23-29 (*spoken responsively by half-verse*)

²³So he commanded the clouds above *
and opened the doors of heaven.

²⁴He rained down manna upon them to eat *
and gave them grain from heaven.

²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
he provided for them food enough.

²⁶He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens *
and led out the south wind by his might.

²⁷He rained down flesh upon them like dust *
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.

²⁸He let it fall in the midst of their camp *
and round about their dwellings.

²⁹So they ate and were well filled, *
for he gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

A Reading from Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus

Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. ² Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, ³ and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. ⁴ You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. ⁵ There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.

⁷ God has given his grace to each one of us measured out by the gift that is given by Christ. ⁸ That's why scripture says, *When he climbed up to the heights, he captured prisoners, and he gave gifts to people.*

⁹ What does the phrase "he climbed up" mean if it doesn't mean that he had first gone down into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ The one who went down is the same one who climbed up above all the heavens so that he might fill everything.

¹¹ He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. ¹² His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ ¹³ until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ As a result, we aren't supposed to be infants any longer who can be tossed and blown around by every wind that comes from teaching with deceitful scheming and the tricks people play to deliberately mislead others. ¹⁵ Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let's grow in every way into Christ, ¹⁶ who is the head. The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

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

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

²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

²⁶ Jesus replied, "I assure you that you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate all the food you wanted. ²⁷ Don't work for the food that doesn't last but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Human One will give you. God the Father has confirmed him as his agent to give life."

²⁸ They asked, "What must we do in order to accomplish what God requires?"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "This is what God requires, that you believe in him whom God sent."

³⁰ They asked, "What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*"

³² Jesus told them, "I assure you, it wasn't Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴ They said, "Sir, give us this bread all the time!"

³⁵ Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People:

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON *(Be seated)*

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, your people are hungry for your presence. Teach us to put our trust in you. Let us not forget the wonders you have shown us.

You are the Bread of Life; *Give us this bread always.*

Your church is hungry for your presence. Give our leaders hearts for your truth and wisdom as they guide us. Bless our Presiding Bishop N., our Bishop N., and our priests and deacons. Empower us all to live the covenant we have made with you.

You are the Bread of Life; *Give us this bread always.*

Your world is hungry for peace. We pray for the leaders of all the nations, that their hearts are intent on the common good for all people. We pray for N., our President, those who serve in local governments, and for the courts and Congress of our land.

You are the Bread of Life; *Give us this bread always.*

Your world is hungry for relief from hardship. We pray for your people in all corners of the world who want for food and shelter; who suffer from oppression and war. Sustain them with your presence and lead us to come to their aid.

You are the Bread of Life; *Give us this bread always.*

Your world is hungry for healing and compassion. We pray for those we hold dear to our hearts who suffer from any illness of body, mind or spirit...(your intercessions are invited aloud or silently). We pray also for those who have no one to pray for them.

You are the Bread of Life; *Give us this bread always.*

Your world is hungry for comfort and eager for new life. Enfold those who have died into your embrace...(your intercessions are invited aloud or silently). May they rest in your eternal presence. May we all come to know the life that is eternal.

You are the Bread of Life; *Give us this bread always.*

The presider adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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

All: 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.

Presider: 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

Presider: Christ's peace be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Presider says

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

(Please stand as your offerings are brought forward to the altar.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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 you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & INVITATION

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

Ushers will direct you forward to receive the body and blood. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please sing the hymn below as others receive communion.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Presider blesses the people.

DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

SERVING TODAY

Lector/EM 8:00 Bob Stambaugh/Stephen Hattendorf, Bob Stambaugh
 10:30 Natalie Bayless/Melanie Walt, Natalie Bayless
Counters Dan Linker, Melanie Cyre
Altar Guild Betsy Stecher, Mary Lou Daily, Stephen Hattendorf
Usher Joe Root
Coffee Hour 8:00 Caroline Denwood/10:30 Jim & Donna Gibson
Morning Prayer Kent Clary

IN OUR PRAYERS

Members of Grace: Betty Smith; Charlotte Dickinson, Helen Howey; Ann-Cherie Dye; Vickie Pope; Becky Prevost; Frank Rogers-Witte; and our Homebound Members: Elizabeth Weber, Evelyn Overman, Charlotte Dickinson, Katherine Calhoun, & Charles Baker.
Friends of Grace: Fr. Matthew Venuti, son-in-law of Paula & Peter Welling; Howard Cantrell, father of Donna Culp; Ken Rich, friend of Gary Roberts; Doc and Debbie Milton, friends of Laurel Destry; Ken Clark, brother-in-law of Karlinne Wulf-Lamphear; Paul Mehaffey, grandfather of Jesse Nelson; Gary, cousin of Joyce Brooks; Genevieve Conrad & Margaret Lefford, friends of Lorie Ray; Roney Sutton, friend of Melissa VanNoppen; Carmen Suter, Joelle & Jeff Clark, friends of Karlinne Wulf-Lamphear; Debby Coughlin, sister of Dale McDonald; Monica & Whalen, friends of Annelle Woggon & Kenneth Ratcliffe; Kathy McNeil, former organist at Grace Church;
For those who have died Margaret Lefford, mother-in-law of Lorie Ray; Harriet Retterer, former parishioner

Thanks to Jane Newmeyer for playing flute today.

HAPPENING TODAY

FORMATION HOUR @ 9:15 am

Sunday Forum in Thatcher Hall

Today: How the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator helps us understand how we are different and how we are alike when we relate to the world, take in information, and make decisions. We will also explore the influence of type on ways we worship.

Aug. 8th "God is the Bigger Elvis" A movie about finding belonging

Lectionary Bible Study in the Library

Youth outing today: Lake Logan at 12:30 for lunch and to experience their Alpine Tower. Cost \$20/person. BYO Lunch.

Nursery available during the 10:30 service beginning today

THIS WEEK* indicates all are invited

Sunday, Aug. 1		Youth Outing to Lake Logan Alpine Tower
Monday, Aug. 2	7:00	Pub Theology*
Tuesday, Aug. 3	Noon	Deadline for eNews & bulletin announcements*
Wednesday, Aug. 4	Noon 7:00	Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer* Choir Practice in person
Thursday, Aug. 5	10:00	Marthas Knitting Group on the deck*
Friday, Aug. 6	9:00	Morning Prayer via Facebook*
Saturday, Aug. 7	11:00	Elizabeth Clark Funeral
Sunday, August 8	11:45 2:00 4:30	Choir Party Harriet Retterer Funeral Grace serves the meal at Haywood Pathways

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The Rector is away: She will return August 6th. We thank Assisting Priests Orion Davis & Harriet Simmons for presiding over our Sunday worship.

Summer Dinner Bunch: One or two more hosts are needed to accommodate all who wish to participate in the September Summer Dinner Bunch. Thatcher Hall or the Deck are also available to those who would like to host, but maybe don't have the space to. Contact Madison Owen at programs@gracewaynesville.com if you would like to sign up to host. Lisa Hardeman or Betty Smith can also answer any questions you may have about the event.

Sign up for Coffee Hour host: Use list in Thatcher or form on our website!

Grace Church Parish Fair: Thanks to all who helped make the Parish Fair a success. Gross receipts from Saturday total \$14,062. With the addition of an anonymous gift, the total at this time is \$18,000. The donor challenges others to give with the hope of reaching \$20,000 before expenses.

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