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Guided by the Spirit, we share the love of Jesus
and walk with our community.

Sunday July 25, 2021 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

We gather together as a family of faith on this the 9th Sunday after Pentecost. Again, we remember that we are “after” the Day of Pentecost. In the Easter season we are “of” Easter. We are Easter people, united with people around the world by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel means “Good News” of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We are Easter people.

Today our Summer Sermon Series continues on with the book *Just Like Jesus* by Pastor Max Lucado. This week we look at having a Hope Filled Heart. Jesus models this incredible hope in the midst of what the Lord went through in the last days of His life. After praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus says “Let us go on.” He knew God’s plan was to be fulfilled.

Jesus feeds the 5000 today with bread and fish, with plenty left over. Jesus is our Bread of Life and fills us to the full daily with hope! Let us have hope-filled hearts and be just like Jesus.



INTRODUCTION

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus’ table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

Bread of Life from Heaven

Refrain



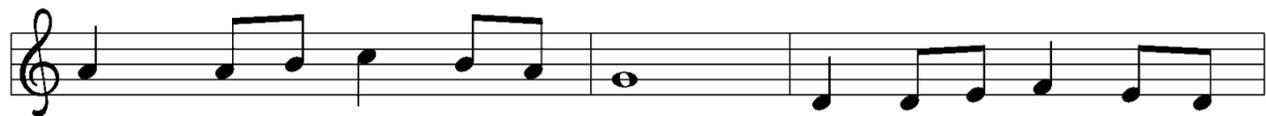
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Refrain

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Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas
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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 God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

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.

WORD

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

42 A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] 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." 43 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.'" 44 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: Psalm 145:10-18

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

- 10 All your works shall praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.
- 11 They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,
- 12 that all people 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.
You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
- 14 The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.
- 16 You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- 17 You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.
- 18 You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.



Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

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

20 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, 21 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.**

Gospel: John 6:1-14

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

The Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you, O Christ.**



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

I had a Seminary class mate named Hope. I would see her in the hallway and say something like “There’s Hope!” I was teasing her about her name. She would say “There’s always hope” pointing beyond herself and her namesake to God.

My dear family of faith there is always hope. In the midst of this Pandemic, still lingering today, we find hope. Hope that we can reach out and feed the hungry, love one another and serve the Lord reaching out into our community. No matter what you are going through today, there is hope. “She” is all around us, dancing on graves, lifting up the hurting, the poor, the left out. Romans 15:13: “Now May the God of all hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Max Lucado, in our book *Just Like Jesus* talks about the last night of Jesus’ life. He points out that in the Garden, praying, Jesus kept his focus on hope, and God’s plan. Jesus looks into the eyes of Judas, his betrayer, and says “Do what you came to do.” Jesus loved him knowing full well the evil things he was going to do. Jesus loves us in the same way, knowing the evil that we have done, will do today, and tomorrow.

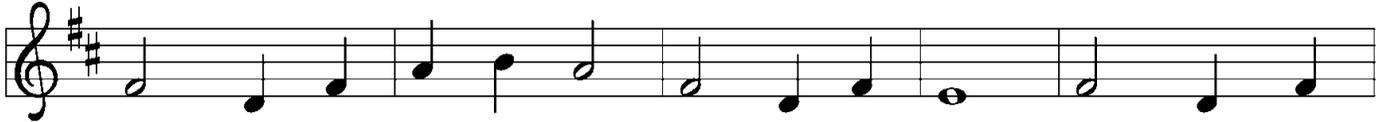
The word hope has a wonderful definition: “Grounds for belief that something good may happen.” Our “groundedness” comes through Jesus, who lived, died and rose again for us. We have hope in the midst of difficult times in our lives. There are things we do not understand and life happens. In the midst of all we are going through, God shows up. And hope does not disappoint.

Oh, you and I may not necessarily see God/Jesus, but God is there. To bring peace in chaos, love in the midst of hate, and hope in the midst of hopeless situations. When we are tossed to and fro, when we are hungry for love and joy, Jesus comes to feed us. Jesus takes the loaves of bread and fish, blesses them, gives thanks to God for them and hands them out to all of us. And we are fed. Not by the meal, but by God. Amen.

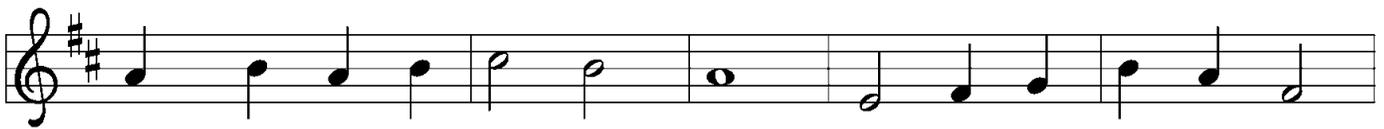
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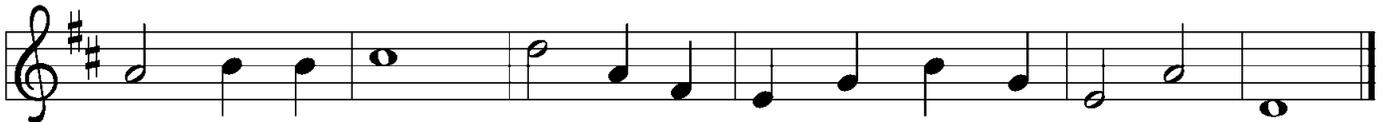
Break Now the Bread of Life



1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

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

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

APOSTLES CREED

**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 catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations (*especially*). Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with (*the apostle James, name/s, and*) all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Faithful members and friends of St. Andrews, we thank you for your continued financial support during our time of physical separation.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name.

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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

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 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

Announcements

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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St. Andrew's Prayer Lists

Families on the Prayer List

Ms. Amanda Hunter
Mrs. Susan Hahn Johnson
Pastor & Mrs. Rex Jones (Paula Cardoza)
Mrs. Rosemary Jones

Additional Prayers for Recent, Current, or Upcoming Medical Care:

Mark Hollman,
Christine Robertson, great niece of MJ Lynch,
Carl Schaber, brother of Jan Smith,
Susan Spinelli, sister of Jennifer Baker,
David Thomas, brother of Jill Smith,
Dale Willman

Those with Ongoing Special Need of Prayer:

Jerid Edwards, great nephew of MJ Lynch Ruth Tingle David Tryon, son of Mary

Remember to Pray for Nursing Home Residents and Shut-Ins:

Lynn Bigelow Penny Kalk Martha Larson
Norma Petraits David Royer David Schmalz The Harrison

Remember to Pray for those Serving in our Armed Forces:

Michael Joseph Jerry Shake



St. Andrew's Calendar

- **Sunday, July 25** Worship 9am Outdoor (Weather permitting)
Coffee Hour 10am
Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Monday, July 26** Mat Making Monday 12-4pm
- **Wednesday, July 28** Virtual Bible Study 7pm
- **Saturday, July 31** Speedway Animal Rescue Car Wash/Dog Bath 10am-3pm
- **Sunday, August 1** Worship 9am Indoor
Coffee Hour 10am
Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Tuesday, August 3** Zoom Staff Meeting 1pm
- **Wednesday, August 4** Laundry & Friends 4:30-6:30pm
Virtual Bible Study 7pm
- **Sunday, August 8** Worship 9am Outdoor (Weather permitting)
Coffee Hour 10am
Zoom Holy Communion and Adult Faith Formation 7pm
- **Monday, August 9** Mat Making Monday 12-4pm
- **Tuesday, August 10** Zoom Staff Meeting 1pm
- **Wednesday, August 11** Virtual Bible Study 7pm

St. Andrew's Announcements

Congratulations & Thank You

Congratulations to the Council members being formally installed today.
Thank you to Phil Langholz and Karen Hill for their service on Council this past year.

Coffee and Conversation

Coffee & Conversation will be available in the lounge after church beginning July 25.

Speedway Animal Rescue Event



Car Wash/Dog Bath fundraiser, Saturday July 31, 10am-3pm in the St. Andrew's parking lot. Come get a clean car & doggie too while supporting a good cause, the local animal rescue.

All Things Christmas



St. Andrew's will host a sale of Christmas items on Saturday August 21 from 9am-3pm in Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to bring the items from the last sale down to Fellowship Hall from the upstairs youth room, set up & display the items in Fellowship Hall, and help the day of the sale. Donations of Christmas items are being accepted. Proceeds from the sale will go toward new furniture for the Narthex. This is being organized by Jan Smith (317 271-6771) & Beverly Bailey (317 291-3459).

August 29, 5th Sunday Worship

St. Andrew's & Faith will have a Shared Ministry Worship Service on Sunday, August 29 at 10am followed by a box lunch. The service will be at Arbuckle Acres Park, 200 N Green Street, Brownsburg at Shelter 2. Bring a chair & a friend. There will not be a service at either church that morning.

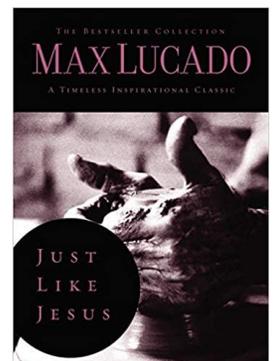
Summer Sermon Series

Pastor Givan began guiding a sermon series on June 6 based on the book *Just Like Jesus* by Max Lucado on having a heart like Jesus. The series will conclude on August 15. Each chapter lists ways to "remodel" our hearts.

*"God loves you just the way you are, but God refuses to leave you that way.
God wants us to be just like Jesus."*

- **June 6:** Heart like Jesus/Forgiving Heart **June 13:** Compassionate Heart
- **June 20:** Listening Heart **June 27:** God-Intoxicated and Worship Heart
- **July 4:** No book/sermon series b/c of Holiday **July 11:** Focused Heart
- **July 18:** Honest and Pure Heart
- **July 25:** Hope Filled Heart
- **August 1:** Rejoicing Heart
- **August 8:** Enduring Heart
- **August 15:** Keeping Eyes on Jesus/Wrap up

The book is \$9 on [Amazon](#), \$3 on [Kindle](#). *Order your copy of the book now!!



Wednesday Evening Virtual Bible Study

Pastor Givan hosts a virtual Bible Study from 7-8pm Wednesday evening, based on the book *Just Like Jesus* by Max Lucado following along with the Summer Sermon Series. The study meets via Zoom June 9-August 18. Watch for the link via email.

Faith Formation

The group is studying the 1st & 2nd books of Timothy and the book of Titus. Please read and bring questions and concerns. All are welcome and invited.

Mat Making Mondays

Mat Makers meet on the 2nd & 4th Mondays from 12-4pm in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome on any Monday and for any time during the 4 hour period to help with the various tasks of making mats that are distributed to homeless individuals. For information about this project contact Jan Smith.



We are welcoming Altar Flowers Back to worship. You may sign the Altar Flower Chart or call the office and MJ will add your name to the Sunday you wish to provide flowers. You will be responsible for getting the flowers and don't forget to let MJ know what you would like printed in the bulletin.

Worship Schedule & Mask Requirement Update

We have established a rotation schedule for worship to provide options for everyone.

1st & 3rd Sundays: Indoor
Masks required, unless fully vaccinated.

2nd & 4th Sundays: Outdoor (weather permitting - check your email)
Masks are not required, regardless of vaccination status

Continue to wear a mask in any setting if that makes you more comfortable.

Remember:

- Worship time is 9am.
- Recorded worship available on website, Facebook, & email Sunday afternoons.
- Office Hours 10-4, T-W-TH.
- Midweek Moment Wednesdays 12pm.
- Communion Kits can be picked up at the church office.

Read and study God's Word for the coming Sunday!

For next week August 1:

10th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalm: Psalm 78:23-29

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

Gospel: John 6:24-35

