

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

Eleven O'clock

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

II Kings 4: 42-44

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.

OFFERTORY

"People Need the Lord"

arr. Tom Fettke

Duet: Patrick McCarthy and Cassandra Howley Wood

Offerings for God's work through Paw Creek Church are gratefully received in the baskets by the entrance and exits to the sanctuary, or by mail to the church office.

WELCOME INTO GOD'S HOUSE (responsive)

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me....

Congregation: **Let us go into the house of the Lord!**

Leader: Within the gates of God's holy city, we gather this day to claim the joy, the peace and the safe rest of the children of the Most High. Let us rejoice in God's holy gifts.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6: 30-44

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation.

Congregation: **Through your goodness we have good gifts to share.**

Leader: Accept and use our offerings for your glory.

Congregation: **And for the service of your kingdom.**

All: **Amen.**

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Guest Musician - Erik-Thomas Hinson

CHORAL INTROIT

"We Have Come Into This House"

Bruce Ballinger

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145

I will exalt you, O God my Ruler,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
there is no end, O God, to your greatness.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Beginning with Joys and Concerns, and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*, in unison

HYMN 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

CHARGE (in Unison)

**Let us now go out into the world in peace to be of good courage;
holding fast to what is good; rendering to no one evil for evil;
strengthening the fainthearted; supporting the weak,
helping the afflicted, honoring all people;
loving and serving the Lord, and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

HYMN 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

HYMN 498

"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken"

BENEDICTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

Eternal God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation and in the beauty of human life. Touched by your hand, our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON

How Many Loaves?

POSTLUDE

Guest Musician - Erik-Thomas Hinson

**Please remain seated so that all worshippers, in the sanctuary and online,
may enjoy the blessing of the music.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

"He Never Failed Me Yet"

Robert Ray

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

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

UPCOMING SERMON TITLES & SCRIPTURES

Sunday, July 18

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 8: 22-26

"The Trees are Walking"