



ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

August 15, 2024

SUNDAY SERVICE

10:00 am

To live-stream the service - go to [AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org), click on the "All Angels Enter Here" picture and you will be routed to our YouTube channel.

Zoom - go to <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807> and watch and listen live. Be sure to stick around after the service for our coffee hour chat-with-your-neighbor time.

The bulletin can be found on the All Angels Website:
[AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org) or at the following link:

[Bulletin for Sunday, August 18](#)

Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

[*Click Here for the Readings*](#)



The flowers for Sunday, August 18th are given to the glory of God.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Last Sunday's Service



Sunday Sermons

If you would like to read Rev. Dave's recent sermon,

Sermon: Becoming Bread for the World

PRAYERS

A Prayer for Peace Among the Nations *(BCP 816)*

Let us pray in this time of conflict for peace in Israel, Palestine and Ukraine.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer invites you to pray with them, every day, at 8 am, wherever you are. When you enter into prayer at 8 am (Eastern), you will know that others are praying at the same time.

We Pray for our People

Breathe your healing and peace on all those who suffer, especially Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Lorraine, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Dennis, Angie and Amy Jo. We pray for all who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim, Lou and Ann. Give peace to those going through cancer treatments, and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, TJ, Jim, Stephanie, Cara, Todd, Valerie, Violet, Joan and Nancy.

We pray for those in Hospice that they will receive rest and peace,

especially Mary Jo and Ellen.

A BRIDGE BETWEEN ALEX AND DAVE

Podcast: A Bridge Between

Episode 89: Bread of Life

Also available on Spotify:

Spotify: A Bridge Between

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Kaleidoscope

A musical journey from the Romantics to Today & Beyond

Also, the World Premiere of
The Peace That Follows by Dr. R. Michael Daugherty

Tasha Robinson, Harp

ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH

563 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key

Saturday, September 7th at 4pm

New to You Summer Art Sale

All money raised from the New to You Art Sale will go to Turning Points.* Thanks for all your continued support. We are accepting any used Art, and Knick Knacks you might have no more use for. Gallery Summer hours are 9 to 1 Sunday-Wednesday or by appointment.

**We support Turning Points in Bradenton. They have been helping the needy in our local community since 1995. Recently, an organization called Turning Point, founded in 2012, has made national news. Please know that although these organizations have similar names, their mission is different.*



Turning Points Open House

You are cordially invited, along with your guest(s), to a special Open House reception at Turning Points on Thursday, August 22nd, from 5pm to 7pm.

Feel free to stop by at any time during this window.

Join us to meet our dedicated staff and volunteers, see the changes and improvements we've made, and learn about our new initiatives to address homelessness in our community. We no longer want to be the "best-kept secret" in our community.

We will enjoy appetizers and beverages in good company.

We hope to see you here!

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Turning Points
Where Compassion Takes Action

TOUR & OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, Aug 22nd
5pm-7pm

701 17TH AVE WEST
BRADENTON FL 34205

Appetizers and beverages will be served



Turning Points
Bill Galvano Center

Men's and Women's Discussion Group

Does God let us fail? If so, why does (a loving God) allow us to fail?

The Book of Proverbs tells us: *Although the righteous fall seven times, they rise again; but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.*

If that's too deep, how about Babe Ruth's famous quote: *Don't let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.*

Our faith also encourages us to think this way too - to not live fearfully, or to fear failure, but to keep playing. Next week's discussion group article is about the fear of failure and a way to help us through it. I'd like to know

what you think.

what you think.

For those in person, I'll have the coffee ready. For those on Zoom, here's the link: <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807>

To read the article, click the link below:

[How to Overcome Fear of Failure](#)

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

Online Giving

If you would like to give to the offering plate electronically, you can find the online giving link on our All Angels website by clicking the link below:

AllAngelsLBK.org

REFLECTION

Eternal

We are in our Gospel lectionary series of the *I am the Bread of Life*. This week, we hear that if we eat of Jesus's flesh and drink his blood, we will have eternal life. But what does eternal mean, how long is eternity (and do we really want it)?



In Greek mythology (which was fascinated by the concept of eternal life), there is a story of a man – Tithonus – who was given eternal life by Zeus so he (Tithonus) could live forever with the goddess Eos. Sure, the first

few years were eternal bliss but then Tithonus's body aged. He became a 40-something, then a 120-something, and eventually a 380-something. His shriveled, small shaky body, with a voice barely louder than a whisper, showed everyone this adage: be careful what you wish for. This story was well-known in the time and place of Jesus. Is that the eternal life Jesus was promising? I sure hope not.

We reviewed our hurricane food supply – in particular, we were looking at expiration dates. We wouldn't want to go through a hurricane that was so bad that we had to eat our emergency supplies only to get sick from an expired label. It got me thinking about eternal food (food that lasts forever). The lettuce on my sandwich is in the process of dying. The turkey is long dead and preserved for a little while. The wheat for the bread is dead and has been reprocessed but in its new form it is still in the process of dying. Even a Hostess Twinkie will perish at some point. Yet Jesus is promising food that is eternal.

The Greek word, used by the Gospel writer John, that we translate as "eternal" can also be translated as "abundant". Instead of thinking of life through the myth of Tithonus which is unending even though the body deteriorates, we see marriage life as abundant. It is something that gives life even as the two human living bodies of the union are in decline. Friendships follow the same pattern. Two friends love and support and care for each other abundantly and perhaps more intentionally and abundantly when the body breaks down. Even with our pets, there is abundant life. I think I cherish my cat Oscar more now in his 14th year than I did when he was in his second year. My childhood dog, an Airedale named Andy, was put down when I was 12. I have more abundant memories and joy when thinking about him now than when he was a slobbering needy dog when I was in 6th grade.

When Jesus says to eat of him abundantly now and in the future (eternal), it is not like a leaf of lettuce that never wilts, or deli turkey that always remains fresh, or sourdough that never goes stale. The sharing of eternity

remains fresh, or sourdough that never goes stale. The sharing of eternity with Jesus is in the act of breaking and sharing of him, of ourselves and of our abundance. Eternal/abundance with Jesus is in the remembrance of his love and forgiveness. Remembering him helps us to abundantly share love and forgiveness with others. That abundant/eternal life is represented in those for whom we love – spouses, friends and even pets. As time goes on, and as life further deteriorates the living flesh, our love and commitment and joy does not diminish, rather, it increases.

Perhaps the question isn't how long eternal is. Perhaps the question isn't so much about life at all but rather about experiencing love as eternal and abundant.

- Fr. Dave

The logo features the word "Angels" in a large, elegant, black cursive font. Below it, the words "gather here" are written in a smaller, simpler black font, with "gather" and "here" separated by a diagonal line.

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