



ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

August 22, 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 25](#)

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Psalm 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

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



The flowers for Sunday, August 25th 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: Asking the Right Question](#)

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. Bring them all your rest and peace.

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 87: Hard Sayings

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

Admission: Free Will Offering

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.*



Men's and Women's Discussion Group

Who is Jesus? Who is God? When did Jesus become God? How does the Holy Spirit fit into this? Can there be three in One?

The early Church wrestled with these questions and I am going to invite us to ponder them also. The reading is a book review with the title When Did Jesus Become God. In the book, two New Testament theologians debate that question - one believes Jesus is not, and thus did not become, God. The other believes Jesus is God. I'd like to know 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:

[*Debating the Nature of Jesus*](#)

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

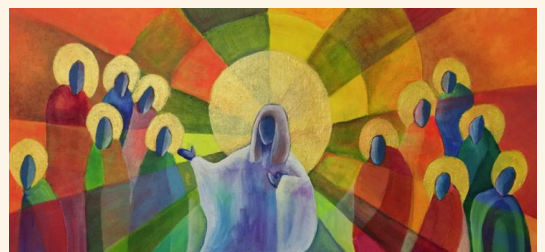
If you would like to give to the offering plate electronically, you can find the online giving link on our All Angels website by clicking the link below:

AllAngelsLBK.org

REFLECTION

Bread of Life, Part 2, Failure

This Sunday is the last installment of I am the Bread of Life, from John's Gospel. I had





an epiphany about this passage and I wanted to share it with you. In Jesus's day, and especially in the Jewish faith and tradition, dead flesh and blood were seen as unclean and therefore undesirable. It was believed that blood is the life force of a human or animal. Only God can touch the life force (because he made it and it is his) and those who do on earth must ritually clean themselves before being allowed back in society. Jesus knew that saying he was the bread of life and those who ate of that bread would live forever would upset people. I don't think he was surprised when they turned away and, in Sunday's lesson, they left him in disgust (except for the 12 disciples he had originally called). Why did Jesus not fear the failure that would result from him saying those words?

According to John's Gospel, the five thousand who were fed by Jesus's miracle grew to perhaps ten thousand followers. Chapter 6, tells us that they were following him because they wanted more bread and fish. In chapter 7, Jesus goes to Jerusalem. In chapters 8-10 he teaches there. In chapter 11, he brings to life his dead friend Lazarus which caused the religious leaders to plot to arrest him. Jesus teaches more in chapters 12-17 and in chapter 18 he is arrested. It appears to me that John is outlining a short distance of time from the feeding of the five thousand to his arrest. My epiphany is this: how would his arrest have happened if there were more than ten thousand followers of his in Jerusalem? It most likely would have been violent. In his prayer, which is the entirety of chapter 17, Jesus says that he watched over those who followed him in God's name and he kept them safe. In the following chapter, when he was arrested, Peter drew his sword and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear. Jesus admonished Peter and allowed himself to be taken. Imagine if there were one thousand Peters with swords in the garden with Jesus. It certainly would have been a different outcome.

What if Jesus said the most outlandish thing he could think of to reduce the number of followers so that none of them would be harmed, except

the number of followers so that none of them would be harmed – except for himself. What if Jesus set out to fail in order to save.

The discussion groups this past week talked about the fear of failure. We learned failure has always been, and will always be, the seedbed of success. Failure is an excellent teacher if we are willing to learn. Failure helps us to develop critical thinking skills, innovation, tenacity, trust in oneself and courage. It also keeps us humble and appreciative of what we have been given. A veteran, Gary, who I got to know talked openly about his failures on the road to recovery. The VA assigned him a drug and alcohol counsellor. Here is how their first conversation went.

Gary to the counsellor: Are you a drunk? *Yes.*

How many times have you fallen off the wagon? *Five.* Are you clean and sober now? *Yes.*

For how long? *12 years.* I mean how long into the future? *I only know about today, tomorrow I'll need help.*

They developed a deep and lasting supportive relationship that saved Gary's life.

St. Paul wrote: We proclaim Christ, crucified! In other words, we proclaim our savior to be one who is not afraid to fail – even death on the cross – in order to save us.

Today we believe the Bread of Life, in particular, Holy Eucharist, is a celebration. We depend on it and, at times, take communion for granted. Unlike the disciples, we know now that the Last Supper was foreshadowed in John chapter 6 when, at his last Passover, Jesus lifted up the bread and said, "This is my body, broken for you." To us it is a success and a celebration. But to Peter and the rest of the twelve, it was scary and perhaps seemed as if it was a big failure (especially the crucifixion). Maybe that means when we fail at something, to God it looks like a success and a celebration. Maybe that is why we need not fear failure.



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