



August 5, 2026 Newsletter
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Sermon reflection from Fr. Tryggvi

The account of the feeding of the 5,000 we read in Matthew's gospel this Sunday is noteworthy, not only for the feeding miracle itself, but because it is the only story from Jesus's public ministry told in all four Gospels. Matthew places the story between Jesus learning of John the Baptist's execution, and Jesus walking on water. Early in today's story we learn that Jesus is seeking solitude and perhaps space to grieve, but encounters a crowd in need instead. Moved by compassion, he refuses to send them away and tells his disciples, "You give them something to eat."

The disciples see only what little they have: five loaves, two fish, and over 5,000 hungry people. Their response reflects a mindset of scarcity that we humans have carried since ancient times; the fear that there simply isn't enough to go around. Jesus, however, sees through the lens of God's abundance. He takes what is available, blesses it, and shares it. Others in the crowd are moved by his generosity, and begin to share as well, and through that generosity of abundance, somehow everyone is fed.

Jesus invites us to practice this same mindset of abundance. We cannot change the world alone, and we're not asked to change the world alone. But we can offer what we have as benefits of God's abundance. Generosity inspires generosity; compassion awakens compassion. When we recognize ourselves as part of God's abundant creation and share accordingly, others will do likewise. Not all at once; that won't happen. But one-by-one, two-by-two, then ten-by-ten and twenty-by-twenty, and then hundred-by-hundred, and two hundred-by-two hundred, and ... what once seemed insufficient, will become more than enough.

For contemplation:

Where in my life am I allowing a mindset of scarcity - "there isn't enough" - to prevent me from seeing the possibilities of God's abundance?

What "five loaves and two fish" do I already possess that I could offer, (time, gifts, resources, compassion), trusting God to bless what I have and use it for the good of others?

Peace, Triggvi+

Parish House construction begins Monday, August 17

Starting Monday the 17th, all traffic for parishioners, visitors, staff and community groups must use the front door for entry. On that day, workers will erect a barrier from the dining room door across the hall, and then across the meeting room to the North wall so that work can begin on the rear of the Parish House. For some time, the kitchen and dining room will continue to be in service but will be closed in the future for that part of the renovations. All are requested to use the restrooms on the second floor, preferably the one closest to the front of the building. Please note that construction will take approximately 5 months with additional workers' vehicles on site.

We know that this renovation will cause disruption in the parish's daily life. There probably has not been this much work done to the Barnett Parish House since the initial renovation in the 1960s. We do apologize in advance. O. J. Booker is coordinating the project in concert with Curtis Whitsel. Please direct any questions, comments or concerns to: bookeroj@gmail.com or 706-818-4308.

Parish Meeting – August 16th

Please reserve **August 16th** on your calendar and plan to attend a Parish meeting immediately following the 10:30 service. At the meeting the Vestry will share the outcome from the Parish Survey and provide the list of renovations to the Parish House. The Hospitality Committee will provide light refreshments.

If you cannot join in person, you may participate with your computer (video & audio) or telephone (audio only) via Zoom, the popular video-conferencing platform.

At or after 11:45 AM, please click this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86246458092>

Or go to Zoom at www.zoom.com then click "Meet" then "Join a Meeting" and enter this Meeting ID code: 862 4645 8092. Alternatively, you can participate by telephone only by calling (305) 224-1968 in the U.S.

When prompted, enter the Meeting number: 86246458092#

It will ask for a passcode (none), so just hit # again.

Or click this link for instructions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/86246458092?signature=dCRtQgmwEqbqLwhkiXvGQbT8MUQM2qccKTuczSLvo3M>

**Rota and Readings
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

August 9, 2026

LEM: 8:00 A.M. Shepherd—10:30 A.M. T Pridgen

1st Reading: B McCauley

2nd Reading: Hudson

Altar Guild: Abbott- Strickland-Yost

Flower Guild: Branch

Organ Tech: Jackson-Lewis

Vestry of the Day: McNamara

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Parish Prayer List

Robert Boswell, Fr. Dann Brown, Susan Crosher, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Flossie Dodge, Mary Ann Edelman, June Harrell, Anita Hunt, Kate Jackson, Beth Tamplin Jones, Mary Mack Jones, Marcy Lay, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, Gloria Leo, Jack Leo, Anna Maret, David Medlock, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Monaray Powers, Lynne Roach, Bobbie Rushing, Kathie Schmidt, Helga H. Stefnisdóttir, Wayne Tankersley, Betty Thomas, Etwanda "Tink" Wade, Jack Ward, Gloria Ward, Eric Wiemann, Jim, Caroline Hill, Gail Thompson, Linda Carswell, Beth and Steve Huggins

Birthdays in August: 3 Elizabeth Crotts, Elizabeth Adkins; 4 Kate Branch, Becky Adkins; 8 Kate Roberts; 12 Betsy Quillin; 14 Kathie Schmidt; 18 Avery Jackson, Malin Dartnell, Gail Thompson; 24 Reese Freyer, IV; 26 Jamie Crotts

Anniversaries in August: 2 Maryann and Devon Dartnell; 3 Emily and David Buck; 12 Peggy and Charlie Hawkins

Recurring weekly calendar

- Rite I Eucharist: Sunday, 8:00 AM
- Sunday school (adult): Sunday, 9:15 AM
- Rite II Eucharist: Sunday, 10:30 AM
- Morning Prayer service: Wednesday, 9:00 AM
- Off the Rails AA group: M, Tu, Th @ noon
- Madison AA group: Th, F, Su @ 7:00 PM

Volunteer for service: To learn about and volunteer to be a lay reader, organ tech, lay eucharistic minister, or to be a member of the flower and/or altar guild, [click this link!](#)

Pastoral Care Requests: email pastoral-care@adventmadisonga.com for:

- Additions to the Prayer List
- Inquiries about weddings, baptisms, or funerals
- Use of the Memorial Garden
- Requesting Eucharistic visits
- Short-term meals following surgery or during illness

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