



St. Michael and All Angels
Episcopal Church

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 13
AUGUST 4, 2024 AT 9:00AM

Opening: Seek Ye First

Gather #658

Offertory: Pan De Vida

Gather #920

Communion Hymn: Taste and See

Gather #930

Closing Hymn: Earth and All Stars

1982 Hymnal #412 v 1,3,5,6

Collect of the Day

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

2 Samuel 11:26, 12:13a

When Uriah's wife heard that her husband Uriah was dead, she mourned for her husband.

"I've sinned against the LORD!" David said to Nathan. "The LORD has removed your sin," Nathan replied to David. "You won't die."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78:23-29



The Lord gave them bread from heav - en.

The things we have heard and
understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
The glories of the Lord and his might,
and the marvelous deeds he has
done. R.

He commanded the clouds above,

and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna to eat,
and gave them bread from heaven. R.

Man ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
So he brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain his right hand
had won. R.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS

Ephesians 4:1-16

Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I encourage you to live as people worthy of the call you received from God. Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all. God has given his grace to each one of us measured out by the gift that is given by Christ. That's why scripture says, When he climbed up to the heights, he captured prisoners, and he gave gifts to people. What does the phrase "he climbed up" mean if it doesn't mean that he had first gone down into the lower regions, the earth? The one who went down is the same one who climbed up above all the heavens so that he might fill everything. He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. As a result, we aren't supposed to be infants any longer who can be tossed and blown around by every wind that comes from teaching with deceitful scheming and the tricks people play to deliberately mislead others. Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let's grow in every way into Christ, who is the head. The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

John 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Bread of life Jesus replied, "I assure you that you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate all the food you wanted. Don't work for the food that doesn't last but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Human One will give you. God the Father has confirmed him as his agent to give life." They asked, "What must we do in order to accomplish what God requires?" Jesus replied, "This is what God requires, that you believe in him whom God sent." They asked, "What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Jesus told them, "I assure you, it wasn't Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said, "Sir, give us this bread all the time!"

Jesus replied, “ I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Gospeler The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Mike Angell

Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.

BLESSING THE BACKPACKS

As another school year begins, let us pray.

For all who are going back to school this fall. For students, teachers, administrators, staff, custodians, bus drivers, coaches, room parents, school board members. For all who teach and all who learn and all whose labors make teaching and learning possible.

We give you thanks, loving God.

For all who do not have access to quality education. For children who live on the streets or sleep on neighbors' couches. For children who go to school hungry and get no help with their homework. For children whose classroom is the shade of a tree and who walk miles for a drink of water. For teachers who are paid poorly or not at all.

Give us courage to work for change, loving God.

Everyone is invited to hold up their backpack or book-bag as Holy Water is sprinkled.

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers.

Today we give you thanks for these your children, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in children's chapel. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. **Amen.**

The rest of the congregation is invited to stand and pray:

May Jesus, who calls us each by name to follow him, give you the courage and confidence to be his disciples wherever you may be, at school, at work, and at home. May the gifts God has given you be a source of blessing for you and for others. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

More information on upcoming events can be found at [stmichaelsabq.org /info](http://stmichaelsabq.org/info)

GALLERY ST. MICHAEL “OFF THE WALL SHOW” This Summer, the Gallery St. Michael features the work of Albuquerque Artists in various media. All work is donated, and sales benefit our Casa San Miguel Food Pantry and Las Familias immigration ministry. Come by the Pavilion to take a look at the art.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – AUGUST 4 We will be doing our annual Blessing of the Backpacks on August 4. Bring your backpacks, book bags, briefcases, and computer bags with you to church for a special blessing to mark the new school year! This same Sunday we will have a Children’s Chapel kickoff between the 9:00am and 11:15am services. Join us to learn more about the Children’s chapel program.

ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE- AUGUST 5 9:30a-12:30p Come and meet teachers, see classrooms, and more. Learn about New Mexico PreK, Reggio, and all things early childhood. All St. Michael’s parishioners are welcome to stop by the Open House.

“THE CLASSICS” SENIOR MINISTRY MEETING AUGUST 8 AT 2PM The next meeting of The Classics in The Pavilion will be a group bible study titled: “ Who Was Jesus?” conducted by the Reverend Dr. Paul Hanneman. You should bring your Bible and a note pad & pen to this meeting. As always, you are encouraged to bring a relative, neighbor or friend with you to this monthly event.

MISSION AND VALUES: IMAGINING THE FUTURE AT ST MICHAEL’S AUGUST 11 AT 10:15AM We are in the midst of change as a congregation. The vestry has been leading significant work, in this period of transition, to name our shared values. Come for a conversation about the proposed values: Welcoming, Action, Spiritual Grounding. Help us to take the next steps toward setting goals for our congregation’s future.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursdays at 10:30am Contemplative Prayer

Monday Aug. 5, 9:30a-12:30p Open House for All Angels Episcopal Day School

Thursday Aug. 8, 2:00pm The Classics, “Who Was Jesus?”

Sunday Aug. 11, 10:15am Mission and Values Conversation