



# Loaves & Fishes

JUNE 2026

## Untamed Pentecost

*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound, the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.*

*(Acts 2:5-6)*

One of the things that captures me about this moment in scripture is the utter out-of-controlness that is at odds with how we think of ourselves; we are, after all, a people wedded to the idea of things done decently and in order. But it also describes most honestly who we are as a body of the faithful, we who speak in different tongues, out of our own experiences; rich and poor, young and old, it mirrors what we are as children of God and resists any attempt to harmonize the people we are, to tame the work of the Spirit as it moves through us.

Something like the richness of this moment happens in our transition from Eastertide to Pentecost and the time that follows it. We move from a season of discerning the risen Christ, one who appears among his friends in locked rooms, who is the shepherd of the sheep, trying to parse the sayings of Jesus in a context we feel we can control. The gift of Pentecost is that it stubbornly resists all our efforts to control it, even to describe it in terms that would allow our minds some purchase on what is



## The Left-hand Column

☙ This is going to be a busy month. That's getting to be a familiar phrase around here—every month is shaping up to be busy, and a good thing it is.

☙ Another of our famous indoor/outdoor yard sales is coming up first thing. If you can help set up on Wednesday, or clean up Saturday, or offer any other support, please do. You can call or text Steve (240 925-2599) and let him know you're available. You will be appreciated.

☙ There was a devastating fire in Ridge a few weeks ago. Clara and the Thrift Shop sorters organized clothing and shoes to help the family as they start their lives again.

☙ You, we all are invited—2:00 p.m. June 20—for an afternoon of talk and food with Mark and Kelly.

☙ June 21 is Father's Day and we will celebrate with a between-services breakfast—eggs Benedict! French toast! fruit salad, muffins, coffee, tea, milk, juice. Get your reservation in before June 18. (Free, of course, but there will be a basket somewhere if you insist on donating.) Numbers inside.

☙ **Vacation Bible School**, "We Are All God's Children," the last week in June. Stories, crafts, goodies, activities—all the good stuff. Register or volunteer—[churchschool64@gmail.com](mailto:churchschool64@gmail.com) or see Joyce after church.

happening among all the disciples, those in Jerusalem and those sitting around us in worship.

With the “rush of a violent wind” and the disturbing of all order around them, their questions are reduced to asking, “What does this mean?” To find meaning in any conventional sense is impossible, as Peter tells the crowds: “The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.” It is an invitation to feel our common life through the breath of the Spirit, which cannot be domesticated, only experienced. The Holy Spirit acts around us and within us, stirring us to action like the “crazy Christians” the Presiding Bishop has enjoined us to be.

My hope is that Pentecost can be the beginning of a time when we allow the Holy Spirit to speak to us in ways we cannot easily understand, but to allow the voice of God to penetrate all we do so that we might experience the untamed Spirit, to celebrate its work within us and in all we do throughout the coming months.

Mark+



### ***Time, Ordinary and Sacred***

Several years ago, during a trip to Rome, I had several reminders of how differently we think about time than those living in past ages. One striking reminder was in a crypt below an unassuming church in the center of the city. The building housed the Roman chapter of the Capuchins (an offshoot of the Franciscans), who are dedicated to absolute poverty in the world in the service of Christ.

Throughout this crypt, as in the church above it, are the bones of deceased Capuchin brothers, many of them over one thousand years old. The rooms of the crypt are entirely decorated in these bones, along with hourglasses (again, made from human bones) and the message throughout is *What you are now, we*

*used to be. What we are now, you will be.* It is a reminder of how fleeting time is and a reminder of how much we have to do in the short time we have.

I have been reflecting on this small place amid all the wonderful churches we saw in Rome as a corrective to how we think of “ordinary time” in the church.

Because it does not fall in either the Easter or Christmas cycles, the temptation is to see the weeks and Sundays after Pentecost as down time in the church calendar. That is not how the church thinks of this long period. Although people will be away on trips and vacations, many feast days take place during this time. It is better understood as time when we can use our understandings of our incarnate and resurrected Lord, gleaned from the previous seasons, as an opportunity to show what it is like to be Christ in the world. The green which we wear in our services is for hope. The word, in its simplest definition, means to stir up and to grow, hardly the passive sense we have from its everyday usage.

We are asked to offer ourselves in extraordinary ways ( as it should be for people who were created holy) and, at the same time, to treat them as ordinary ways of being in the world. The paradox becomes easier if we understand that we do not have to solve the problem of poverty or create peace throughout the world. We are simply asked to do a small thing with great love, then another and another.

After a while, it becomes a habit, like the kind the Capuchin monks wear. The time is indeed short and the harvest plentiful but we are human, as I was reminded in that crypt. We simply have to be loving and allow the Spirit to work in us and through us.

Mark+



***The Sacred Three be blessing thee,  
thy table and its store.  
The Sacred Three be blessing  
all thy loved ones evermore.***

***You Are Invited***

Once again, at 2:00 p.m. June 20, we would love to invite the parish to our house for refreshments and conversation.

It will give folks to catch up with others who attend the other service about trips, family visits and all things summer-related.

Those who have been at St. Andrew's a while are invited to bring their sparkling selves and a dish; for those who are new (however you would like to think of it), please just bring your wonderful selves. We will supply a main course. Hope you can join us!

Mark+

(It's 22540 Landing Way—just above the waterfront —Leonardtwn)



***From the Senior Warden***

A Mexican themed parish covered dish dinner was held on Saturday, May 16. It was a wonderful dinner with lots of food and fun. There were about 25 people in attendance. Thanks to Cindy Kilcoyne and her trusty band of helpers for making this happen.

A new sign-up sheet is posted for 10:30 Coffee Hour. We definitely want to keep things simple for the summer. All we ask is for are some light refreshments to share after church. We are grateful to all those who volunteer to host.

Up next is the Yard Sale on June 4, 5, and 6, with set-up on June 3. Please help out when you can. Help is especially needed for set up on Wednesday and clear away on Saturday afternoon.

A Father's Day Breakfast is in the works for Sunday June 21 between services. 9 to 10 am. Menu will include eggs Benedict, French toast, fruit salad, muffins, coffee, tea, milk, and juice. Family members are welcome. There will be no charge, but there will be a basket for donations. Reservations prior to June 18.

We are considering having a parish picnic this summer. Details to come.

Susan Bennett

***Observations from the Junior Warden***

We have an abundance of quiet workers to thank at St. Andrew's. Steve Carroll (with Sonny Brown's help) has installed a base for the solar light that will illuminate the driveway entrance. This required a two-foot hole and four rebar posts.

Have you noticed that cracked pew doors have been repaired? A sagging pew braced? And a new latch and release bar on the box pew where the baptism font is stored? You can thank Ted Ersek for that.

The Holy Mowers have been at work and the campus is looking beautiful. Stephen Stewart did a wonderful job just before the rain. Something to remember if you're going to mow—it's important to wear a mask, especially during dry spells when the mowers kick up dust.

We're still looking for workers to help with applying DRYLOCK to seal the cinderblock under the parish hall to cut down on the dampness.

We plan to do the work (using rollers as much as possible) in late July or early August. No experience necessary.

An updated excel list of needed repairs is posted in the parish hall. Some of the issues will be addressed in the near term. Others reflect long term issues to be addressed in the future.

Peter Woodside



**Photograph by Peter Woodside**

***Breakfast for Father's Day.***

Between services (9:00 to 10:00) June 21, we'll salute fathers by offering breakfast to everyone. The menu includes eggs Benedict, French toast, fruit salad, muffins, coffee, tea, milk and juice.

Please make your reservations by June 18: Bobbi Brown (240 434-5934, [brbrown62@md.Metrocast.net](mailto:brbrown62@md.Metrocast.net)), Mary Larson (301 994-1017,



***Anniversary good wishes to***

- 11 Don and Lyn Schramm,  
Robert and Karen Frick
- 12 Michael and Becky Edwards
- 19 Tim and Regina McKenna
- 25 Dan and Judi Donnelly
- 26 Alan and Nancy Easterling

***Birthday greetings to***

- 1 Regina McKenna, Nancy Meade
- 2 David Johnson
- 8 Amber Mallory, Lyn Schramm
- 9 Jake Garrett
- 10 Ted Ersek
- 13 Polly Hansen
- 15 Sarah Walls, Greta Johnston
- 16 John L. Brigham
- 21 Bob Sisson
- 22 Ron Leonard
- 23 Lori Werrell
- 24 Molly Kollar
- 25 Alex Everett, Taylor Ulrich, Alex Baxter
- 27 Pete Ulrich
- 29 Sally Johnston, Iris Willey
- 30 Devon Wolcott

**Photographs by Clara Stark**

*I said to the Lord, I'm going to hold steady on to you, and I know you will see me through*

~~Harriet Tubman

**June 7 Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33:1-12 *or*  
Hosea 5:15-6:6 Psalm 50:7-15  
Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Ron Leonard Coffee Hour: Peter Woodside  
Altar duty: Lynn Duff and Margaret Hallau

**10:30 a.m.**

Vergers: Dee McRae Lector: Margaret Hallau  
Coffee hour: Ethan Chan

**June 14 Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7) Psalm 116:1, 10-17  
Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100  
Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Tom Joyner  
Altar duty: Susan Bennett

**10:30 a.m.**

Vergers: Susan Bennett Lector: Robert Abell  
Coffee hour: Robert Abell and Michael Dyson

**June 21 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 *or*  
Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69: 8-11, (12-17), 18-20  
Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Jerry Gehrig  
Coffee hour: Between services Father's Day Breakfast

Altar duty: Kim Stickney and Mary Hansen

**10:30 a.m.**

Vergers: Kim Stickney Lector: Ginni Stein  
Coffee hour: Hansen family

**June 28 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 *or*  
Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4,15-18

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Mary Larson  
Altar duty: Mary Maker and Michael Dyson

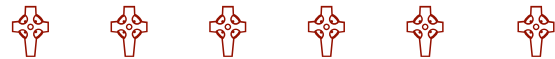
**10:30 a.m.**

Vergers: Nancy Edwards Lector: Joie Miller  
Coffee Hour:



**Please Hold in Your Prayers**

Patrick Afoakwah, the Anderson family, Pam Baake, Melanie Baisley, Jan Barnes, the Bateman family, Eunice Benson, the Blackwell family, Caroline Bradford, Carol Brimm, Pete and Nancy Brown, Christine Butler, Amanda Cain, Misty Cantu, Susan Carroll, Donna Carter, Donnie Carter, Judy Cavin, Jennifer Ceriale, Brandan Chan, Judy Consoli, Lanette Cowles, Erica Day, Judi Donnelly, Billy Doughty, Phyllis Doughty, William Doughty, Erin Dugan, Karol Dyson, Ruby Dyson, Dean G., Brian Gardner, Paula Garner, Jerry Garner, Susan Geary, Gloria Gehrig, Gavin Gillies, Alexi Greene, Jerry Himmelheber, the Hunter Bennett family, Ryker Hurst, Greta, Helen Kundacik, Terrie Leonard, Thomas Leonard, Elinor Mattingly, Dee McRae, Artie Miller, Bob and Doreen Misener, Bernice Nunes, Kyle Patrick, Skylar Patron, Natalie Reed, Jane Roderick, the Rowe family Bob Sisson,, Mark Stutso, Jonathan Tanner, Taylor, Isabella Tenczar, Charlene Townsend, Harvey Tyler, Paula Wayland, Angelica Wilkinson, the Willet family, Brandn Woehlke, Stuart A. Wood, first responders, and all who serve in the military and their families..



**To join the service on ZOOM:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82236313643?pwd=gYrhpbImkUfIX1DZtuntfnUnaHgJ6.1>

Meeting ID: 822 3631 3643

Passcode: 604270

**The Nursery is available:**

10:15 a.m. till 11:45 a.m.



God, bless to me this day,  
God bless to me this night;  
Bless, O bless, Thou God of grace,  
Each day and hour of my life;  
Bless, O bless, Thou God of grace,  
Each day and hour of my life.

God, bless the pathway on which I go,  
God, bless the earth that is beneath my sole;  
Bless, O God, and give to me Thy love,  
O God of gods, bless my rest and my repose;  
Bless, O God, and give to me Thy love,  
And bless, O God of gods, my repose.

~~From the *Carmina Gadelica*

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June 2026

- 1 **Monday**
- 2 **Tuesday**
- 3 **Wednesday**  
9:00 a.m. Yard Sale setup  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
12:30 p.m. Healing Service  
1:00 p.m. Bible study  
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Being With
- 4 **Thursday**  
8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Yard Sale  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
6:00 p.m. AA  
6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 5 **Friday**  
8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Yard Sale  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 6 **Saturday**  
8:00 a.m.—noon Yard Sale  
Noon Yard Sale cleanup  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 7 **Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. H.E. I  
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. H.E. II  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 8 **Monday**
- 9 **Tuesday**  
Noon Retired Teachers' Association luncheon
- 10 **Wednesday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
12:30 p.m. Healing Service  
1:00 p.m. Bible study  
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Being With
- 11 **Thursday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
6:00 p.m. AA  
6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 12 **Friday**  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 13 **Saturday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 14 **Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. H.E. I  
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. H.E. II  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 15 **Monday**
- 16 **Tuesday**
- 17 **Wednesday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
12:30 p.m. Healing Service  
1:00 p.m. Bible Study  
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Being With
- 18 **Thursday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
6:00 p.m. AA  
6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 19 **Friday Juneteenth**  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 20 **Saturday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 21 **Sunday Father's Day**  
8:00 a.m. H.E. I  
9:00 a.m. Father's Day Breakfast  
10:30 a.m. H.E. II  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 22 **Monday**
- 23 **Tuesday**
- 24 **Wednesday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
12:30 p.m. Healing Service  
1:00 p.m. Bible study  
6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Being With
- 25 **Thursday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
6:00 p.m. AA  
6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 26 **Friday**  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 27 **Saturday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 28 **Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. H.E. I  
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. H.E. II  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 29 **Monday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Vacation Bible School
- 30 **Tuesday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Vacation Bible School

## *Looking for Someone?*

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Junior Warden

Joyce Austin

Ethan Chan

Randy Gilles

Mary Hansen

Nancy Riddell

Clara Stark

Treasurer

Minister of Music, Amy Foster

Newsletter, Dee McRae

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## *Food for Thought*

*In last month's Atlantic, David Brooks looked at the extraordinary ways in which today's world has begun to look a rerun of centuries past. "Periods of great disruption inevitably produce yearning of an earlier golden age, and ours is no different." We are, he says, "drenched in nostalgia."*

I confess that I feel a modicum of sympathy for some of the traditionalist arguments. One of my favorite insights from psychology is that a successful, well-adjusted life consists of daring explorations from a secure base. The traditionalists are right to say that one of the central problems in America and the West today is that many people have lost that secure base—a stable home and community, solid emotional connections, financial security, a coherent culture and an understanding that our lives are contained within a shared moral order.

My problem with the traditionalists is that I don't agree with them about what a flourishing life looks like. . . .

I agree with the traditionalists that tradition is important, but I don't think of it as something we need to go back to. Rather, I see it as something that each generation pushes forward. And for this, we need a humanistic renaissance. In schools, universities, and culture at large, we need to focus more explicitly on the big questions of life: What is my purpose? How should the next generation live? What role should beauty play in my life? How do I build a friendship? What do I owe my spouse, my community, my nation? We need to use the best that has been thought and said by all of the great civilizations of the Earth, but especially by Western civilization, which is our own particular home, our core resource while we try to stumble toward a better future.

Though Christopher Lasch considered himself to be on the political left, he is sometimes embraced by the traditionalists for his celebration of rootedness, community, and the traditional family, and for his critique of the meritocratic elite. "The populist tradition offers no panacea for all the ills that afflict the modern world," he wrote. "It asks the right questions, but it does not provide a ready-made set of answers." The traditionalists have no panacea either, but they also ask the right questions. They remind us how important it is to embed ourselves and our children within the great humanist conversation that extends back thousands of years. What we should take from the traditionalists is the idea that restoring our society's connection to its humanistic legacy and long-standing sources of meaning can actually help us better realize the promises of progress.