

THE GOOD NEWS FROM EMMANUEL

August 9, 2009 - Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



The Bread Line by Russian painter Grigorij Grigorjewitsch Mjassojedow, 1872

Jesus said to the people, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

READING & ALTAR SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Date	Server/Prayers	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Greeter	Altar Guild
2	Laurie	Jonathan	Karen	Suzanne	Marilyn
9	Deb	Garnett	Ernst	Garnett	Marilyn
16	Marilyn	Suzanne	Dale	Dave	Marilyn
23	Darcey	Laurie	Justin	Suzanne	Marilyn
30	Jean	Dave	Rosemarie	Garnett	Marilyn

Please let Jean or Garnett know if you're unable serve on these dates.
And thanks for your ministries!

UPCOMING EVENTS & STUFF

St. Paul's is having a Chicken BBQ on August 14 from 5-7 p.m.

A town meeting to meet the candidates for diocesan bishop has been scheduled for Central Connecticut State University, Friday, October 2 at 7 p.m.

The Annual Diocesan Convention, including the election of our next bishop, will take place at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, October 23-24.

Here's what happened with the national Episcopal church's budget at this year's convention: the General Convention adopted a \$141 million budget for 2010-2012 that asks for less money from dioceses and cuts church-wide spending by \$23 million, but still emphasizes the Episcopal Church's mission in the world. The convention said that the budget's mission priorities for 2010-2012 would be "networking the members of the body of Christ, alleviating poverty and injustice, claiming our identity, growing congregations and the next generations of faith, and strengthening governance and foundations for ministry." Some church-wide programs will be eliminated, and at least 30 of the 180 people employed by the Episcopal Church in its New York and regional offices are losing their jobs. With fewer resources, focus is still on mission, racism work, diocesan services, evangelism, women's ministry, lay and ordained ministry, and worship and spirituality. The budget dedicates 0.7 percent of income to U.N. Millennium Development Goals; the line item amounts to \$803,694, which will go towards Episcopal Relief and Development's anti-malaria NetsforLife© partnership program. The convention also agreed to allocate a corresponding percentage for domestic-poverty initiatives. Among other cuts, The Episcopal Church's contribution to the budget of the Anglican Communion Office will decrease by a third.

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