



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST 2021

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

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THE WORD OF GOD

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The Lesson: Ephesians (4:25–5:2)

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Commentary:

Earlier in Ephesians 4, Paul stressed the importance of unity within the church. In this passage, Paul turned to the equally important matter of holy living. These verses contain five exhortations regarding appropriate Christian conduct. First is to speak truth, because truthful speech is essential to unity within the body. Second is to avoid sinning when angry. Third is to refrain from stealing and work instead, in order to have something to share with the needy. Fourth is to speak, and do, good things. Careless, unkind words grieve the Holy Spirit. Fifth is to get rid of vices and adopt virtues. As children naturally imitate their parents, so children of God should imitate their heavenly Father's gracious attitudes and generous actions toward us.

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, “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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God
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