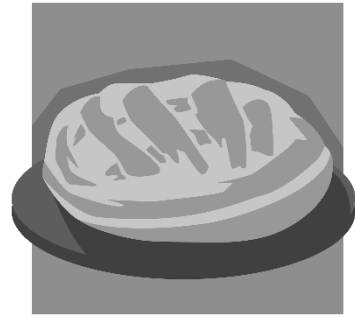


ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 14

Bread of Life

Bakes, Shared, and Served . . . Himself

August 8, 2021



AS WE GATHER

When we pray the Lord’s Prayer, we speak in the Fourth Petition, “Give us this day our daily bread.” We are reminded that “daily bread” includes everything we need for this body and life as we pray and give thanks for all the Lord provides regarding our well-being in this mortal life. Yet, we are never left to just be satisfied with earthly things, as we will be taken from worldly provisions to His greater eternal gifts, which always last. It is why He sent His Son into this world, and why Jesus spoke to the people then and still to us today, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst” (John 6:35). Most food we make, purchase, and use has a shelf life. Some longer, some shorter, but at some point, we know goods expire. This is especially true with bread. When not used in a timely manner, bread dries out, hardens, and even molds. How different is the bread Jesus teaches of, the bread that is Himself. Continuing in John 6, He teaches the people what He came to provide, which is Himself from heaven. In our worship, in our reception of His Means of Grace, in our prayers and praise, and in our daily lives, let us rejoice in the Bread that lasts for our needs of faith and forgiveness, that we, too, may continually “taste and see that the LORD is good!” (Psalm 34:8).

✕ PREPARATION ✕

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION:

Lord, the eyes of all look to You in hope; and You give them what they need. You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live. O Lord our God, we come to you, seeking to rise up from the depths and agony of

despair. Please listen, our Saving God—we need your help and blessing. Lord, through the tenderness of your mercy towards us we have learned to worship you—and to revere your Holy Name; therefore, we place our entire trust and hope in you, our Trustworthy God. We gather to offer you our thanks, for we know that you offer us your unfailing love and mercy that is beyond our understanding. You know our longing for forgiveness, and you offer us your presence – which blesses us from God’s overflowing store of mercy, hope, freedom and joy. May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You, and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples. For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

WELCOME:

WELCOME TO GOD’S HOUSE... 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. Welcome to our worship! It’s our privilege to have you join us in being in the Presence of our Lord and Savior! We gather in the Lord’s presence at his invitation and in the company of the whole Church in heaven and on earth. He bestows on us His manifold blessings through His Word and Sacrament. In response we offer up to Him our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and daily seek to serve Him in our love and service to one another and our neighbor. Come and let us lift up God’s name; Let’s praise His name together!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 34:1–8*

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: We confess to You, Lord.

People: Our mouths have not always praised You through our words, and we have boasted in things other than You. Help us humbly hear and be glad, that we may taste and see that the Lord is good.

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

People: I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Pastor: We confess to You, Lord.

People: We have sought after other things than You and have let our fears impede our faith. Give us hearts centered on You, that we may taste and see that the Lord is good.

Pastor: Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

People: This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

Pastor: We confess to You, Lord.

People: Our thoughts, words, and actions have not been faithful, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Hear us and save us from our troubles, that we may taste and see that the Lord is good.

Pastor: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

People: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

✘ WORD ✘

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Kings 19:1–8* (Elijah flees and the Lord feeds.)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Romans 11:33, 36*

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

Leader: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

People: To Him be glory forever. Amen.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 4:17–5:2* (New life as God's children)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *John 6:51a, b* [See Music Index]

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Leader: I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:35–51* (Jesus, the bread of life, continues teaching.)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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SERMON

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(We Bring Our Tithes and Offering To The Lord)

CATECHISM *The Fourth Petition*

Leader: We are reminded today that the Lord provides all things for His people. Our heavenly Father gives us all we need for this body and life. Luther's Small Catechism explains what it means when we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread." What does this mean?

People: God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

Leader: What is meant by daily bread?

People: Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Leader: Realizing all we have comes from and is a gift from God, we come before Him in prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of this earthly life and the promises assured of forgiveness and eternal life through His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for all the people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We thank You, Lord, for our daily bread, for all we need in this body and life. Grant us hearts so moved to give as You have first given to us for the needs of others and in support of the work of Your kingdom. Through Your Means of Grace, keep us always fed with the grace and mercy of Your Son, the Living Bread from heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: As Your servant Elijah fled out of fear and was fed and nourished by You, come to us in our times of fear and anxiety that we be fed with what lasts and sustains in our times of need. Be especially with those we name before You now, [*including . . .*]. Grant peace and healing, hope and health, according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: As Jesus continued to teach the people of His day to know and see Him as He is, grant that we continually learn of Your love through Him as our Savior. Guide children, parents, families, and individuals to rejoice in Your Word here and in homes, that all be fed with Your life-giving grace through the work of Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Individual petitions may be added.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” TFBF 283

1 “Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

“Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!” Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided— “Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, \blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]



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the Lord is Good
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Him
Psalm 34:8

