

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 14

Bakes, Shared, and Served . . . Himself

August 8, 2021



AS WE GATHER

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 ✠

HYMN “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” #685 vs 1,3,4

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 ☩

HYMN OF PRAISE "Weave"

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.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Romans 11:33, 36

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

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

Pastor: 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)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *John 6:51a, b*

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

Pastor: 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.)

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

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

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY “To God Be the Glory”

SERMON “God’s Bread” **Pastor Pete**

CATECHISM *The Fourth Petition*

Pastor: 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.**

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: 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.

OFFERING & PRAYER

(Members and Visitors: We would appreciate it if you would please take this time to fill out and pass the "Who's In The Pew" folders, located at the center aisle end of each pew.)

Leader: Gracious God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, symbols of your gracious love.

People: Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our brother and Lord.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: As we gather together in the fellowship of the Sacrament You have set before us, grant that we faithfully receive and partake in the Living Bread that has come down from heaven with the assurance of sins forgiven, faith nourished, and Your presence affirmed. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Individual petitions may be added.

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: We sing our Lord's Prayer:

"Lord's Prayer"

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**Our Father, which art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the Kingdom,
and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: God the Father, provider of daily bread; God the Son, Living Bread from heaven; God the Holy Spirit, through whom we are gathered and by whom our faith is fed and nourished, 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 "Just A Prayer Away"

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