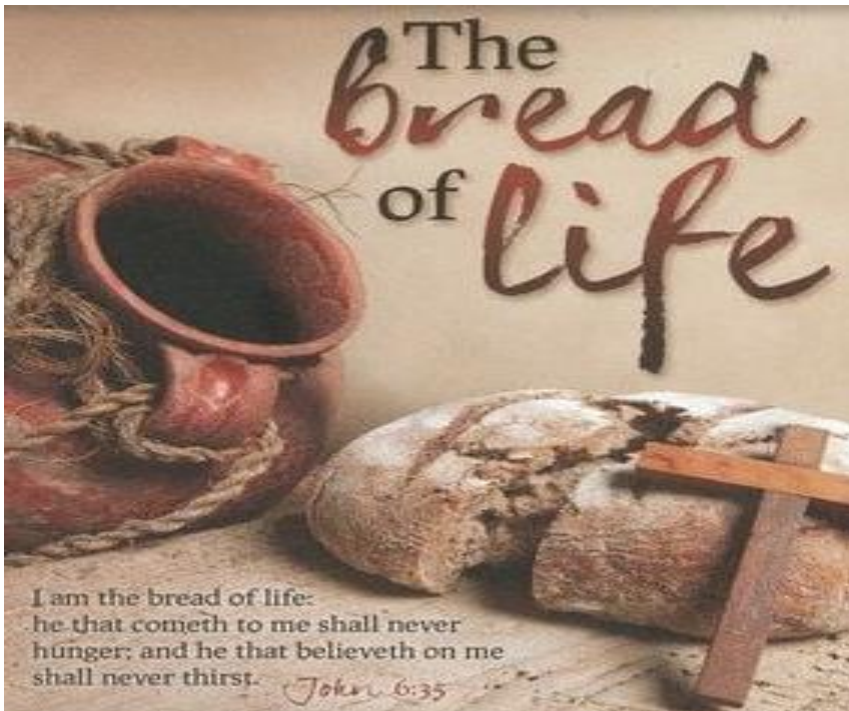


ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“Satisfied by Living Bread”

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!”

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

OFFERING *(Please leave your offering outside the sanctuary in the plate.)*
(If you are watching online- please use our online giving service on our app or
website; you can also mail in your offering.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *(Psalm 34:4; John 6:51)*

Pastor: I sought the LORD, and He answered me

People: and delivered me from all my fears.

Pastor: Jesus says, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

People: If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.”

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Lord Jesus, think on me and purge away my sin;
 From worldly passions set me free and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed;
 Let me Your loving servant be and taste Your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me amid the battle’s strife;
 In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!

Lord Jesus, think on me nor let me go astray;
 Through darkness and perplexity point out Your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me that, when this life is past,
 I may the eternal brightness see and share Your joy at last.

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.

(Silence is kept, for personal confession)

Pastor: We confess to You, O 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 You are 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, O 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 You are 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, O 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 sin, that we may taste and see that You are 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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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 from Jezebel and God feeds him.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 4:17 – 5:2*

(Walking the new life of love)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:35–51*

(Jesus proclaims “I am the bread of life.”)

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
 These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed.
 Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!

With Thee, Lord, I am now united; I live in Thee and Thou in me.
 No sorrow fills my soul, delighted. It finds its only joy in Thee.
 Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!

Who can condemn me now? For surely. The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
 No hell I fear, and thus securely. With Jesus I to heaven rise.
 Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!

Though death may threaten with disaster, it cannot rob me of my cheer;
 For He who is of death the master, with aid and comfort e'er is near.
 Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!

My heart has now become Thy dwelling, O blessèd, holy Trinity.
 With angels I, Thy praises telling, shall live in joy eternally.
 Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!

SERMON “Satisfied by Living Bread” John 6:

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”



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**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, O heav'nly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Almighty Father, bless the Word,
 Which through your grace we now have heard.
 Oh, may the precious seed take root,
 Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (*2 Timothy 4:22*)

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. (*Colossians 3:1*)

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (*Psalms 136*)

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Remembering the witness of the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, we thank and praise You, O Lord, for creating the heavens, the earth, all creatures, and each of us gathered here today; saving Noah and his family in the midst of the flood; delivering the Israelites through the sea and wilderness to the Promised Land; sending prophets to warn us of impending danger and to remind us of Your forgiveness and love; forgiving our sins through the cross of Jesus; raising Jesus from death so that we may know the power of one Lord, one faith, one Baptism; and providing this bread, the bread of life, our Lord Jesus, to eat and to drink, and thereby to give us life that will never end. You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are worthy of all thanks and praise, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

(Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. *(1 Corinthians 11:26)*

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *(Revelation 22:20)*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.

Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in, shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, there to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me.

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray that we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, the certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold to seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive, and all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we, rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come to bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest in heaven's high and holy feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion, thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him, when the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea.
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by His blood."

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You daily and richly supply all that we need to support our life on every level, and in this feast of Your Son's body and blood You have multiplied blessing upon blessing. Accompany us on our journey through this desert until we join saints and angels to praise Your holy name on days without number; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

People: Amen.

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son and bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, for You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we may sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

