

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00

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Hours: Mon 8-12:00, Tues-Fri 8-5:00

“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving grace for all.”



Prelude

Gary Ritter

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Henry Baker, Irish tune

INTRODUCTION

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus’ table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

Welcome and Announcements

Stand – if standing is difficult please feel free to remain seated

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: ***we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Gracious God,

C: ***you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Sit

Opening Hymn *“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”* Number 488

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render. Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded; Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him. There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking, open wide the fast-closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal: "Come, and leave your loved one never; dwell within my heart forever."

- 4 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure, peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding: humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you; worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

WORD

Bible Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.⁷ The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Responsive Reading

Psalms 34:1-8

L: I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.

C: ***I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.***

L: Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

C: ***I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.***

L: Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

C: ***This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.***

L: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

C: ***Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.***

Bible Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,²⁷ and do not make room for the devil.²⁸ 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.²⁹ 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.³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.^{5:1} Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children,² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Stand

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

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading

John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to the crowd, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."⁴² 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'?"⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves."⁴⁴ 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.⁴⁵ 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.⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the

Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Sit

Children's Message

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Stand

"I Am the Bread of Life"

Number 485

- 1 "I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger, and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

- 2 "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

- 3 "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you." *Refrain*

- 4 "I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

- 5 Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who have come into the world. *Refrain*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence

For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations in transition or facing difficult decisions about their future. God, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick, especially those we remember aloud or in our hearts. God, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever. God, in your mercy,

C: ***hear our prayer.***

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Peace

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: ***And also with you.***

Sit

Special Music

"Break Now the Bread of Life"
Mary A. Lathbury, William F. Sherwin

Prayer of Preparation

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: ***you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.***

Stand

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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 sins as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the

kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace, now and always. ***Amen.***

"O Living Bread From Heaven"

v. 1, 3 Number 542

1. O living bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest. O wondrous food of blessing, oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows!
3. You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy, and you have freely granted the cup of endless joy. My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown, And all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.

Prayer after Communion

P: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: ***we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.***

Benediction

P: May the Lord bless you and protect you.
May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.
Amen.

Sending Song

"One Bread, One Body"

Number 496

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless, And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1. ~~trespasser~~ Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

Refrain

2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
Refrain:
One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing
which we bless, And we, though many throughout the
earth, we are one body in this one Lord.
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for
all. *Refrain*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: ***Thanks be to God!***

Today's Flowers - Janet Brooks

To the Glory of God and in memory of **Don** and our seven years
together

Rose on the altar in celebration of the August 1 birth of **Caris Sia
Brooks**, daughter of **Tyler & Allyson Brooks** and great-granddaughter
of **Janet Brooks**. Congratulations!

SERVICE

Usher	Norm Bembenek
Lector	Karen Blair
Sound Tech	Max Malcom
Musicians	Gary Ritter, Judy Swanson, Pat Hagensen
Altar Guild	Marilyn Anderson, Florence Faraone, Barbara West

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"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Text: Henry W. Baker

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

Text: Johann Franck; Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger

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"I Am the Bread of Life"

Text: Suzanne Toolan, based on John 6; Music: Suzanne Toolan
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"Break Now the Bread of Life"

Text: Mary A. Lathbury; Music: William F. Sherwin; BREAD OF LIFE

"O Living Bread From Heaven"

Text: Johann Rist; tr. Catherine Winkworth; Music: AURELIA, Samuel S.
Wesley

"One Bread, One Body" Text and Music: John Foley,
@1978 John B. Foley, SJ and OCP Publications