

## Divine Service - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021

*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...”* (Heb. 12:28)

### Opening Hymn: 610 ss. 1-5

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

2 Lord Jesus, think on me By anxious thoughts oppressed;  
Let me Your loving servant be And taste Your promised rest.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery O be my Health and Life.

4 Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.

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

### Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of  
the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

### Call to Confession

PASTOR: Beloved in the LORD. Let us draw near with a  
true heart and confess our sins to God our  
Father, imploring him in the name of our LORD  
Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

### The Confession

PASTOR: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

CONG: Who made heaven and earth.

PASTOR: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the  
LORD.

CONG: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

PASTOR: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we  
poor sinners confess to you that we are by  
nature sinful and unclean and that we have  
sinned against you by thought, word, and deed;  
therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless  
mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the  
sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your  
only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on  
us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all  
our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us  
true knowledge of you and of your will and true  
obedience to your Word, to the end that by  
your grace we may come to everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Absolution

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to  
die for you and for His sake forgives you all  
our 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.

CONG..... Amen.

### The Introit of the Day PS 145:16; PS 34-8-10

You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.  
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!  
Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!  
The young lions suffer want and hunger;  
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

## **Gloria Patri**

CONG: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## **The Kyrie**

CONG: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## **The Gloria in Excelsis**

CONG: Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PASTOR: **Collect of the Day.**

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. Amen.

## **The Old Testament Reading: I KINGS 19:1-8**

1 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword.  
2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow."  
3 Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.  
4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers."  
5 And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat."  
6 And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again.  
7 And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you."  
8 And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

## **The Gradual** PSALM 34:9, 19

Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

**The Epistle:** EPHESIANS 4:17-5:2

4:17 Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds.  
18 They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.  
19 They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.  
20 But that is not the way you learned Christ!—  
21 assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus,  
22 to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,  
23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,  
24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.  
25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.  
26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,  
27 and give no opportunity to the devil.  
28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.  
29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.  
30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.  
31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.  
32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.  
5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.  
2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**Verse:** JOHN 6:51 a,b

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

**The Holy Gospel:** ST. JOHN 6:35-51

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.  
36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.  
37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.  
38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.  
39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.  
40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."  
41 So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."  
42 They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"  
43 Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves.  
44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.  
45 It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will 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 he who is from God; he has seen the Father.  
47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.  
48 I am the bread of life.  
49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.  
50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one

may eat of it and not die.

51 I 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.”

**Choir:** “Psalm 23 The Lord’s My Shepherd”

1 The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; He leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

2 My soul He doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e’en for His own name’s sake.

3 Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale,  
yet will I fear no ill,  
for Thou art with me and Thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

4 My table Thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes.  
My head with oil Thou dost anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my days  
will surely follow me,  
and in Father’s heart always  
my dwelling-place shall be.  
And in my heart forevermore  
Thy dwelling-place shall be.

**The Nicene Creed** (We Confess Together)

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.

**The Sermon Hymn:** 918 ss. 1-3

1 Guide me, O thou great redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty, Hold me with thy pow’rful hand;  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer; Be thou still my strength and shield;  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears  
subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction Land me safe on  
Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

**Sermon:** “In the Strength of That Food!” 1 KINGS 19:1-8

### **The Offertory:**

CONG: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew  
a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take  
not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and  
uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

### **The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer**

#### **The Closing Hymn:** 585 ss. 1-6

1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,  
For round us falls the eventide;  
O let Your Word, that saving light,  
Shine forth undimmed into the night.

2 In these last days of great distress  
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That we keep pure till life is spent,  
Your holy Word and Sacrament.

3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold  
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold  
To shine Your Word of saving grace  
Into each dark and loveless place.

4 May glorious truths that we have heard,  
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,  
Spurn Satan that Your church be strong,

Bold, unified in act and song.

5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
Preserve our faith our whole life through—  
Your Word alone our heart's defense,  
The Church's glorious confidence.

### **The 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.

CONG: Amen.

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