

Pentecost 11

August 4, 2024

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13 (Year B)

The psalmist praised the Lord for satisfying the needs of every living creature. He is near to all who call upon him! God provided food for the Israelites in the wilderness as their hunger was about to overtake them. Jesus proclaimed his true identity as the “bread of life” to those who witnessed the miraculous feeding of the 5,000. God is always at work supplying his children with “daily bread.”



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15

Bread From Heaven

The Israelites made it through, what seemed to be the certain death of crossing the Red Sea by God’s wondrous works through his servant Moses. Now into their wilderness journeying it only took a short time before the people were complaining of a death-inducing hunger. In answer to their cries the Lord provided meat at night and bread from heaven in the morning to satisfy their needs.

Psalm 145:10-21

The Lord Looks After Those in Need

King David sang of God’s protection and abundant provision for all those who were in need. Whether it was food or physical assistance God provided, his faithfulness was shown in all his works.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

Walk in a Worthy Manner

St. Paul continued his instructions to the Christians in Ephesus by encouraging them to walk in a manner that was worthy of their calling in Christ Jesus. Their lives were to exhibit the spiritual fruits of humility, gentleness, patience, and love.

Gospel Reading: John 6:22-35

Bread of Life

Crowds that had been fed by Jesus on the mountain sought him out in Capernaum. When the people approached him wondering, “When did you come here?” Jesus responded to them by saying, “You only want to see me because you had your fill of bread.” A discussion ensued about bread in the wilderness whereby Jesus confessed to the crowd, “I am the bread of life.” To know Christ is to be filled and satisfied.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Green
- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise
- Use the Apostles’ Creed
- The Scripture readings today focus on bread: God gave bread from heaven, and Jesus is the bread of life. Consider baking fresh bread for communion for today to highlight the element. When our practices become rote, it can be a good idea to draw attention to them to help worshippers hone in on the meaning.
- Begin thinking about students and teachers heading back to school soon. There is a blessing on the Pentecost Summer Seasonal page of SOWeR that can be used.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Break Thou (Now) the Bread of Life	235	---	---	515	85	85
Give Me Jesus	---	777	---	770	214	214
Great is Thy Faithfulness	---	771	809	733	211	211
Here in this Place (Gather Us In)	---	718	---	532	---	---
Fill Me Now	---	---	---	---	---	web
O God, Our Help in Ages Past	320	---	733	632	225	225
My Faith Looks Up to Thee	479	---	702	759	243	243
Lord of All Hopefulness	469	---	738	765	200	200
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service	423	---	848	712	---	---
Let Us Break Bread Together	212	---	---	471	83	83

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOVS= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

- Come to the Table (CCLI# 7036352)
- Bread of Heaven (CCLI# 4015787)
- By Faith (CCLI# 5469291)
- Come Ye Sinners (CCLI# 7199191)
- Jesus Messiah (CCLI# 5183443)

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