

Bread of Life

When Jesus performed the miracle of the loaves and the fishes, a large crowd had gathered to hear him speak. When it was time for dinner, no one had anything to eat, except a young boy who had five loaves of bread and several fish. Jesus took these, blessed them, and breaking them, provided food for the entire multitude.

Afterward, a great number of these same people were following Jesus. Such public acclaim might have pleased someone else; but Jesus saw the reason that they were interested in him. They had not followed him, he said, because of his great deeds but because they had been fed by him. That was a sign to him of their unbelief. He therefore warned them, “Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you” (John 6:27).

True, earthly bread was important enough. Jesus himself had not ignored the needs of these same people when he had found them without food. He had fed them until they could eat no more. But Jesus saw that these people were concerned only with the earthly things that they could get from him. They followed him for the sake of their stomachs. Jesus had to point them away from this bread to something better, the bread which had come down from heaven.

Jesus said, “My Father gives you the true bread from heaven...I am the bread of life” (John 6:32, 48).

One could enjoy earthly bread and yet ignore God; but one could enjoy the heavenly bread only by having faith in the Lord Christ, who had come down from the Father in heaven.

Jesus said to the people, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst” (John 6:35).

Have you eaten of that bread?

*For the bread of
God is he who
comes down from
heaven and gives
life to the world.*

John 6:33

MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 53

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 80

“Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD’S ASSURANCE

The Law of God

Matthew 22:37-40

Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

O most great, most just and gracious God; thou are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but thou has promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in him. We confess that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused thy holy worship. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first thy kingdom. We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father! In thy Son is our salvation, in thy promises our hope.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18 “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 81

“O Love of God, How Strong and True”

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

We extend a cordial welcome to each visitor!

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THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation # 411

“Shine Thou Upon Us, Lord”

Sermon Text

Luke 19:45-48

Sermon

CLEANING HOUSE

*Hymn of Response # 164

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord)

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*The Lord’s Benediction

Announcements

Today, 10:00am. Sunday School

Today, 12:30pm. A potluck luncheon will be held in the church following the morning worship service. All are welcome.

Tuesday, 7:30pm. Weekly Bible Study at the church or via Zoom. Our Bible study at the church begins with dinner at 7:00pm, followed by a time of study at 7:30pm. For information on attending the study via Zoom, please send an email to Pastor Wayne at wforkner86@mac.com.

Sunday, July 7. We remember the Lord’s death in the Communion service during morning worship. Our Communion service is open to those who have been, or are now, communicant members of an evangelical church. But those who are not communicant members of our Church are asked to meet with the elders of the Church before partaking of the Lord’s Supper. It is required that they meet with the elders only once.