

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

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MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 369 *“The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear”*

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 203 *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD'S ASSURANCE

The Law of God Matthew 22:37-40

Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from you, if you dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against you, O Lord, and we have offended you. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge you to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to you. And so we humbly ask you, for the sake of Christ your son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Assurance of Forgiveness

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1John 1:9)

OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 114 *“Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name”*

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

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THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation # 107 *“Praise Ye the Father!”*

Sermon Text Isaiah 50:1-3, pew Bible p. 611

Sermon IS MY HAND SHORTENED?

*Hymn of Response # 630 *“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”*

THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord) # 734

*The Lord's Benediction

Announcements

Today, 10:00am. Prayer Meeting. Church doors will open at 10:00am for gathering and sharing prayer requests. Prayer will begin at 10:15am. Children are welcome to attend. If you have questions or would like to be added to the prayer request email list, please see Jessica Verby.

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

Tuesday, 7:30pm. Weekly Bible Study at the church or via Zoom. We are studying the book of Joshua. 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.