

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



**Jesus Is Enough**

**August 11, 2024**

### **AS WE GATHER**

We are quick to lament when we have had enough—enough trouble, trial, temptation, and turmoil. In the midst of our despair and sorrow, the Lord comes to us with the promise: “I am enough.” All our lives we wrestle with that statement. Sometimes it is easy to answer what troubles us with “Jesus is enough.” Other times we fight against the sufficiency of Christ in a world of affliction, pain, sorrow, and doubt. Like Elijah of old, the only answer we have against the powers of the world and the devil is Christ, the living bread come down from heaven to give us strength for this life and the life which is eternal.

## ✠ Welcome and Announcements ✠

**HYMN** "Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service" 848 vss 1-3

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 34:8-10*

Pastor: Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints;

**People:** those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

*Silence for self-examination*

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**People:** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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.

**People:** Amen.

Pastor: He who began this good work in you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*(Share the Peace of Christ with those around you)*

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" 849

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:**           **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, keep us from despairing amid the threats and afflictions of this mortal life, and direct our hearts to Your Word that we may know and rejoice in our Savior and in grace sufficient to answer all that troubles us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**           **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING    1 Kings 19:1–8           (Arise and eat for your journey is great.)

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 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.” 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.

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.” And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” 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. 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.” 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**           **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**     *Ephesians 4:17–5:2* (“Be imitators of God, as beloved children.”)

This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. 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. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. 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. 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. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:**            **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**            *John 6:51a, b*

Pastor: Alleluia. I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

**People:**            **If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**     *John 6:35–51* (“The bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”)

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

**People:**            **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 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. 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.”

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” 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’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 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— not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**            **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**            **8:00 AM** “Feed Thy Children God Most Holy” 774  
**11:00 AM** “Seek Ye First” 712

**SERMON**    “Baked, Shared , and Served . . . Himself”     John 6:35-51

**CREED**      Apostles Creed

**People:**      I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

### **Blessing of Teachers and School Workers**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: O gracious God, You gave Your Son to be the living bread given for the life of the world. How can we not trust in Your divine providence to provide all things for those whom He has made Your own children?

Blessed Lord, once our fathers ate manna in the wilderness and died. Give us heaven's bread that by our communion of the body and blood of Jesus we may live forever. Nourish us upon Christ, our Lord, that we may be sustained in faith and delivered at last into Your presence on high forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**      **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious Redeemer, Your compassion reigns over all our trouble. Grant us grace that we show forth Your care to those in need and sustain all who are afflicted, [*especially* . . .]. Keep them through the day of their trouble until at last You deliver them into Your perfect peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**      **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Mighty Lord, You manifest Your power over all things through the leaders in this and every land. By Your grace, make all those who serve us in government wise, just, and

honest, and guide them toward the common good that we may serve You without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**       **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gentle Savior, You came not to condemn but to heal and save. Grant to us hearts of mercy that we may forgive as we have been forgiven, and by our acts of mercy display Your great compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**       **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Good Shepherd, raise up good and faithful shepherds for Your people that the church may be blessed with passionate preaching and faithful teaching. Bless Matthew presiding in Synod; Mike, our district president; and Andrew and Ramon, our pastors. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**       **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful Lord, give guidance and counsel to those unemployed and underemployed, that they may be equipped to supply the bread of the day to their families and share with the hungry from their abundance. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**       **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Blessed Father, in our wounds, You are wounded. Be with those who suffer any burden of the body or mind, and deliver them from all their sufferings according to Your mercy, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**       **hear our prayer.**

*(other prayers may be included here)*

Pastor: Almighty God, You have not withheld from us anything needful for this body and life. Help us now to trust in You to answer our prayers, and give to us such confidence in Your fatherly wisdom that we may be content and at peace with Your answer; we ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord who invites us to call you Father and pray together the prayer he has given us:



## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:**        **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 trespasses  
                          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.**

## **LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER**

**People:**        **My Heavenly Father, I thank You, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved  
                  Son, that You kept me safe from all evil and danger last night. Save me, I  
                  pray, today as well, from every evil and sin, so that all I do and the way  
                  that I live will please you. I put myself in your care, body and soul and all  
                  that I have. Let Your holy Angels be with me, so that the evil enemy will  
                  not gain power over me. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**        *Numbers 6:24–26*

**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.

**People:**        **Amen.**

**HYMN**            **“Earth and All Stars” 817 vss 1,5,6,7**  
                          (in recognition of the beginning of school)