

Sunday, August 11, 2024
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Theme
**SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THOSE
FOCUSED ON THE EARTHLY**

Physical food is a blessing from God without which we would literally wither away and die. That is why Jesus lovingly and miraculously fed thousands of followers with only five loaves of bread and two fish. Yet, while physical food is a good thing, it is far from the greatest thing God provides us. The greatest blessing God provides is spiritual food. The best thing God gives us is his Son, the bread of life. Without that spiritual food, we wither and die in a much worse way. This week we see the multitudes coming to Jesus looking for two things: ever more temporal blessings— full bellies, healthy bodies—and an explanation of how to gain them. Jesus explains the greater need for spiritual food. He assures us that there is nothing we do to earn it. Our Father urges us to come to him for our daily bread, asking him to provide for our temporal needs. But may we hunger most for our greatest need: spiritual food that Christ freely gives.

646 See This Wonder in the Making

CW 646



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God him -
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens as the
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, far more
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; home we



self this child is tak - ing as a lamb safe in his
door of heav - en o - pens and the Fa - ther beams, "Be -
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to your arms we
take a new-born crea - ture, now God's pre - cious son or



keep - ing, his to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.
lov - ed, heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"
place *him/her/them*, with your love and peace em - brace *him/her/them*.
daugh - ter, born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

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The Service

The Service of Holy Baptism (p.261) & Setting One (p.160)

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Scripture makes plain the need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature, and we would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin, and by his death on the cross he redeemed us and all people. It is the Father's will that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and he will raise them up at the Last Day.

Christ's almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. Jesus promises in the last chapter of Mark, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." The apostle Peter declares, "Baptism now saves you." Scripture also teaches that the power and promise of Baptism are intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost, the apostle testified, "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." By water and the Spirit, we are born again and are united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, for your acts of deliverance, your gift of salvation, and the power to live a new life through your Holy Spirit. Especially this day, we praise you for the waters of Holy Baptism, through which your children are buried with Christ into his death and share in his glorious resurrection.

Holding firmly to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on *August Arbuckle*. Through this water of Baptism, cleanse *him* from all sin and deliver *him* from death and the devil. Set *him* apart from the unbelieving world and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep *him* in the true Christian faith all the days of *his* life. Guide, strengthen, and protect *him* so that *he* may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Baptism of August Jeremy John Arbuckle,
son of Landon and Chelsea Arbuckle.

The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

We confess the faith into which *August* will be baptized.

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

From there 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.**

August Jeremy John Arbuckle, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart T to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

Let us pray.

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of Baptism by which you wash away sin and give us a new and eternal life. Help us each day to remember that through Baptism you clothe us with Christ, that we may stand holy and righteous before you. Look with favor on *August*, that *he* may be kept safe by the gift of your Spirit, grow daily in your grace, and live forever by the power of the risen Christ. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to all the baptized so that all may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord T Jesus Christ, strengthen you by his Spirit, that Christ, dwelling in your hearts by faith, may fill you with all spiritual blessings. Go in peace.

684 Father Welcomes

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Fa - ther wel - comes all his chil - dren to his fam - 'ly through his Son.



Fa - ther giv - ing his sal - va - tion, life for - ev - er has been won.



- 1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to me, for my king - dom is of these.
- 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, in his prom - ise, be as - sured:
- 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; let us dai - ly rise with him,



Life and _ love I have to give, mer - cy _ for your sin.
those who are bap - tized and be - lieve shall be _ born a - gain.
walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God.

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The Word (p.160)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on him in your Word and sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

In sending manna, a bread that stayed fresh for a short time, the LORD not only cared for Israel's physical well-being but also fortified trust that God would continue to provide.

¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” because they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “This is the bread which the LORD has given to you as food to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: All of them are to gather as much of it as they need to eat. You are to take an omer per person based on the number of people each of you has in your tents.”

¹⁷The Israelites did this, and some gathered more, some less. ¹⁸When they measured it with an omer, the one who gathered more did not have too much, and the one who gathered less did not have too little. All of them gathered as much as they needed to eat. ¹⁹Moses said to them, “No one is to leave any of it until morning.” ²⁰However, they did not listen to Moses. Some of them left part of it until morning, and it became full of worms and stank. So Moses was angry with them.

²¹They gathered it each morning. All of them gathered as much as they needed to eat. When the sun grew hot, it melted away. ²²On the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, two omers for each person, and all the leaders of the community came and reported to Moses. ²³He said to them, “This is what the LORD has said: Tomorrow is a complete rest, a holy sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you want to bake, and boil what you want to boil, but set aside for yourselves all the rest of it to be kept until morning.” ²⁴So they set it aside until morning as Moses commanded, and it did not stink, and there were no worms in it. ²⁵Moses said, “Today eat whatever is left over, for today is a sabbath to the LORD. Today you will not find any around the camp. ²⁶Six days you will gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any.”

²⁷On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather it, but they did not find any. ²⁸The LORD said to Moses, “How long will you people refuse to keep my commandments and my instructions? ²⁹Look, the LORD has given you the Sabbath.

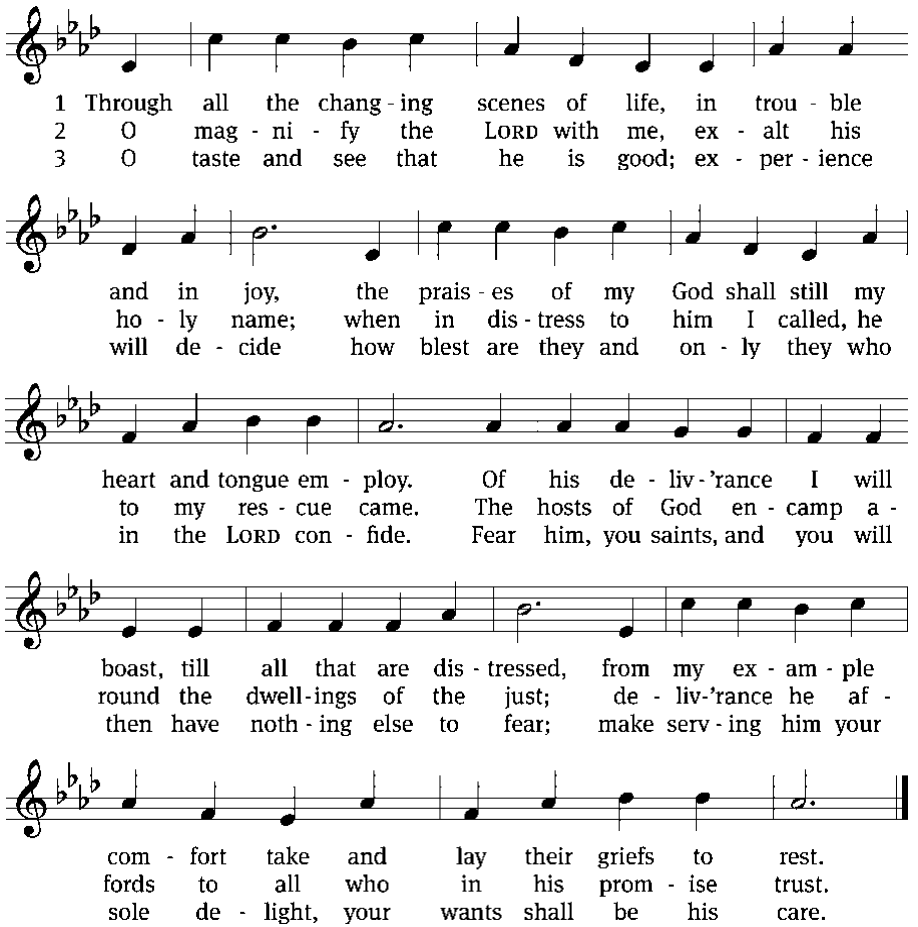
Therefore on the sixth day he will give you two days' worth of bread. All of you are to stay where you are. None of you are to leave your places on the seventh day.” ³⁰So the people rested on the seventh day.

³¹The house of Israel called it manna. It looked like white coriander seed, and it tasted like wafers made with honey.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

34A Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

Psalm 34A



1 Through all the chang-ing scenes of life, in trou-ble
 2 O mag-ni-fy the LORD with me, ex-alt his
 3 O taste and see that he is good; ex-per-ience

and in joy, the prais-es of my God shall still my
 ho-ly name; when in dis-tress to him I called, he
 will de-cide how blest are they and on-ly they who

heart and tongue em-ploy. Of his de-liv-'rance I will
 to my res-cue came. The hosts of God en-camp a-
 in the LORD con-fide. Fear him, you saints, and you will

boast, till all that are dis-tressed, from my ex-am-ple
 round the dwell-ings of the just; de-liv-'rance he af-
 then have noth-ing else to fear; make serv-ing him your

com-fort take and lay their griefs to rest.
 fords to all who in his prom-ise trust.
 sole de-light, your wants shall be his care.

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1–5, 11–13

The Israelites had spiritual food in the wilderness. The pre-incarnate Christ was with them! Yet some cared more about physical blessings than spiritual ones.

¹For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, ²and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

¹¹All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.

¹²So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:35

Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Alleluia.

Jesus is the bread of life.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶Jesus answered them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: You are not looking for me because you saw the miraculous signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled. ²⁷Do not continue to work for the food that spoils, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

²⁸So they said to him, “What should we do to carry out the works of God?”

²⁹Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God: that you believe in the one he sent.”

³⁰Then they asked him, “So what miraculous sign are you going to do, that we may see it and believe you? What miraculous sign are you going to perform? ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³²Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the real bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴“Sir,” they said to him, “give us this bread all the time!”

³⁵“I am the Bread of Life,” Jesus told them. “The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

544 I Am the Bread of Life

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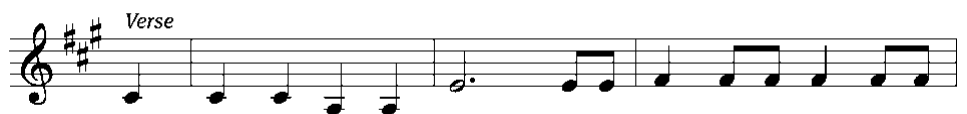
1 "I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not



hun - ger, and who be - lieve in me shall not thirst.



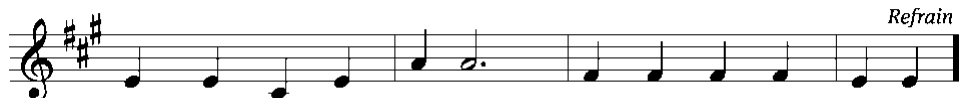
No one can come to me un - less the Fa - ther draws them."



2 "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the



world, and they who eat of this bread,



they shall live for - ev - er, they shall live for - ev - er."



3 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, I am the life. They who be -



lieve in me, e - ven if they die, they shall live for - ev - er."

Verse

4 Yes, Lord, we be - lieve that you are the Christ, the
Refrain

Son of God, who has come in - to the world.

Refrain

“And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.”

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Sermon - John 6:24–35

Why are you looking for Jesus?

- 1) To merely make your earthly life better?
- 2) Or to receive everlasting life as a gift?

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer

Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. [Especially bless... *here name the person and the cause of the petition*] Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission.
Amen.**

Offering

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.

923 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CW 923



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more, feed me till I want no more.
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Announcements

Church Cleaners

August 18 – Thomas // August 25 – John

Daily Prayer Email

There will be a pause in the Daily Prayers emails from August 15-28. We hope to resume them on August 29.

Pastor Out of Town

Pastor will be out of town from August 15 - 28. If you need to reach him during that time, please call his US number [(512) 887-8982] and leave a message.

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (11) 9:30 am Worship & Church Picnic

We (14) 4:00 pm Communicating Christ (BIC)
5:30 pm "Test the Spirits" (BIC)

Su (15) 9:30 am Lay-led Worship with Communion

Su (25) 9:30 am Lay-led Worship



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