

8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 12 & 15, 2021

The Season The Sundays after Pentecost focus on how Christians live in response to all that God has done for us. We are in a seven week focus on “The Responses of Faith.”

The Sunday Why is it so important that we respond to God’s generosity in giving temporal blessings with gratitude to him for his spiritual blessings? Because we are plagued within and without by temptations to worship the temporal and to despise the eternal. Faith responds by resisting materialism.

Opening Hymn *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* Hymn 358:1-5



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
4 By you my prayers ac - cept - ance gain Al -
5 O Je - sus, Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place, My nev - er - fail - ing
though with sin de - filed; Sa - tan ac - cus - es
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my Life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
treas - ury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
me in vain For God calls me his child.
Way, my End, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Tune: ST. PETER (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877.

Stand

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

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Our mission is to
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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, Taste and See



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Be Seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

1 Kings 19:3-8

The flight of Elijah takes place just after his greatest success on the mountain of sacrifice. As usual the visible demonstration of God's power had only a temporary and limited affect on those who saw it. Even Elijah soon forgot the proof of God's presence with him in that demonstration of power. What can restore his confidence? Only the Word! Only the effective gospel promises can keep him from falling prey to the temptation to fear and despair that all his labors were for nothing. In the midst of his flight God fed him with earthly food to point him back again to God's own providence which Elijah for the moment could not appreciate. But still Elijah missed the point and continued his flight in fear and near despair, in spite of the fact that the short term food sustained him miraculously for 40 days. What restored him to balance and brought him back again to see the invisible truth behind the visible? Not powerful miracles but rather God's repetition of his powerful promises on Mt. Horeb. Even for one of the greatest of the prophets, visible setbacks and temptations can overwhelm the consolation of the gospel when we fail to focus on the promises of God more than on the experience of the moment.

³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

⁷ The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank.

Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. (NIV)

Psalm of the Day We will sing the refrain and read the verses responsively

Psalm 34



Taste and see that the LORD is good;*
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous*
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,*
and he delivers them.

Refrain

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;*
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted*
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;*
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:11-6:3

It's not as though the milk, the elementary teachings, were unimportant and now can be ignored. Rather it is time for us to see that not only have we been saved, but that because we have been saved by so gracious a God we should eagerly desire to grow more and more in love to him. That love in turn finds expression in a new attitude toward life and a new desire to fight the temptations of worldliness and materialism. The new attitude gives rise to a new eagerness to live in service to one another in gratitude to him who gave the precious milk of the gospel.

¹¹ We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. ¹² In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! ¹³ Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

6 Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, ² instruction about cleansing rites, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³ And God permitting, we will do so. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia. (Hebrews 11:1)

Stand

Gospel

John 6:41-51

The Jews only wanted a bread king. They despised the lowly Jesus whose humility veiled his deity. They rejected the ultimate bread from heaven whose person, whose coming, whose dying, whose rising again is the only nourishment that matters. At table may we sigh, *Jesus, only Jesus! He is my food eternal, my life and my salvation! Even if I starved to death, I would be full with him for all eternity!* Remembering that elemental truth as we fight against the materialism that attacks us from our own sinful nature and from the world around us.

⁴¹ At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven?'"

⁴³ "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor Hymn 352



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, Might - y
 2 Though the low - liest form once veiled you As of
 3 Pas - chal Lamb, your off - 'ring, fin - ished Once for
 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly Man - na, Strick - en



First - born from the dead, You a - lone, our strong De -
 old in Beth - le - hem, Here as there your an - gels
 all when you were slain, In its full - ness un - di -
 Rock with stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho -



lend - er, You lift up your peo - ple's head. Al - le -
 hail you, Branch and Flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le -
 min - ished, Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le -
 san - na Wor - ship you, the Lamb who died. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus, true and liv - ing Bread!
 We in wor - ship join with them;
 Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain;
 Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!



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Text: George H. Bourne, 1840–1925, abr., alt.
 Tune: BRYN CALFARIA (87 87 444 77) William Owen, 1813–93.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**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.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people.
Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation,
and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.
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 give you peace.

C: Amen

Be Seated

Hymn

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep Hymn 436:3-4

3 By your blood our souls were bought; By your
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; We with
life sal - va - tion wrought; By your light our
joy will fol - low on Till the work of
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
grace is done, There to live with you.

Text: Henry Cook, 1788–1868, alt.
Tune: CAPETOWN (777 5) Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76, alt.