

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, AMHERST, OHIO

Sunday, March 15, 2020

8:30 AM

IN TODAY'S WORSHIP: In prayer we connect with our Father's deep love that wants "no person to be lost," and His passion drives us. Only one portion of the Lord's Prayer requests earthly blessings from God. Today we focus on the Fourth Petition and we discover that "daily bread" includes much more than food. Martin Luther wrote in his Small Catechism:

"Daily Bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, job and income, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Here, Master, in this quiet place
Where anyone may kneel
I also come to ask for grace
Believing You can heal.
If pain of body, stress of mind
Destroys my inward peace
In prayer for others may I find
The secret of release.
If self upon its sickness feeds
And turns my life to gall
Let me not brood upon my needs
But simply tell you all.

You never said, "You ask too much"
To any troubled soul
I long to feel Your healing touch
Will you not make me whole?
But if the thing I most desire
Is not Your way for me
May faith, when tested in the fire
Prove its integrity.
Of all my prayers, may this be chief
Till faith is fully grown
Lord, disbelieve my unbelief
And claim me as Your own. Amen.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Renee Matthews - Violin

RINGING OF THE BELLS

PASTOR'S WELCOME

1. Welcome!
2. Worship safely @ St. Paul
3. Wednesday eve Lent worship @ 7pm; supper
4. Easter Party & Egg Hunt
5. Today's worship

HYMN *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

LSB 709, vss.1-4,6

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
 Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
 And He is mine forever.**
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
 My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
 With food celestial feedeth.**
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
 But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
 And home rejoicing brought me.**
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Thy cross before to guide me.**
- 6 And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever!**

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INVOCATION

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

Congregation: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF OUR SINFULNESS

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Lord, we confess our sin. You have promised to provide for all of our needs, and yet we mistrust Your promise. We know the futility of our own ambitions and our inability to do what we desire. Today we recognize the sin within us and ask that You would forgive us. Lord, in Your mercy, give us daily bread, not only for our bodies, but as food for our spirits. Forgive our sin and cleanse us so that we can be pleasing in Your sight and ministers in Your service. Amen.

ABSOLUTION OF SINS

P: Our God is a great God, providing for all of our needs, giving us daily bread, and supplying every spiritual need. Our sin no longer controls us. You are forgiven you, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Praise God for the daily provision of our every need.

C: Amen.

KRYIE

(tune: "Amazing Grace" LSB 744)

**Have mercy on your people, Lord.
Have mercy, Christ our King.
Renew us by Your mercy, Lord
Accept the prayers we bring.**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O dear God and Father, give grace to all employees to be obedient and to serve faithfully. Help all classes in city and country to be devout and to show love and consideration for each other. Give favorable seasons and good harvests. We commend to You house and land, spouse and children. Help us rule them well and to support and train them in the Christian way. Restrain and check the Destroyer and all evil angels who would hinder and harm all these policies which You provide. (a prayer of Marin Luther)

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 KINGS 17:1-16 NLT

**The prophet Elijah, the widow, and her son
are fed by a miracle of God.**

Now Elijah, ... told King Ahab, "As surely as the LORD, the God of Israel, lives—the God I serve—there will be no dew or rain during the next few years until I give the word!"

²Then the LORD said to Elijah, ³"Go to the east and hide by Kerith Brook, near where it enters the Jordan River. ⁴Drink from the brook and eat what the ravens bring you, for I have commanded them to bring you food."

⁵So Elijah did as the LORD told him and camped beside Kerith Brook, east of the Jordan. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat each morning and evening, and he drank from the brook. ⁷But after a while the brook dried up, for there was no rainfall anywhere in the land.

⁸Then the LORD said to Elijah, ⁹"Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you."

¹⁰So he went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, "Would you please bring me a little water in a cup?" ¹¹As she was going to get it, he called to her, "Bring me a bite of bread, too."

¹²But she said, "I swear by the LORD your God that I don't have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die."

¹³But Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid! Go ahead and do just what you've said, but make a little bread for me first. Then use what's left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: There will always be flour and olive oil left in your containers until the time when the LORD sends rain and the crops grow again!"

¹⁵So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her family continued to eat for many days. ¹⁶There was always enough flour and

olive oil left in the containers, just as the LORD had promised through Elijah.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND LESSON

PROVERBS 30:8-9 NIV

⁸ Keep falsehood and lies far from me;
give me neither poverty nor riches,
but give me only my daily bread.
⁹ Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you
and say, 'Who is the LORD?'
Or I may become poor and steal,
and so dishonor the name of my God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Please stand.

HYMN *"Feed Your Children, God Most Holy"*

LSB 774

**Feed Thy children, God most holy;
Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven,
Bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish,
May our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor
At Thy feast due thanks we render.**

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HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 12:15-21 ESV

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The parable of the rich fool.

¹⁵ And [Jesus] said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was

made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

HYMN

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

LSB 722

**1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.**

**2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.**

Close by Your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.

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SERMON

"GIVE US DAILY BREAD"

OFFERING OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD

God's mission and ministry through St. Paul Lutheran Church is completely dependent upon your generous giving. We believe that God asks us to give to Him trustingly, generously, and in thankfulness for His countless blessings. If you are a first time worshipper, you are our guest and you are not *obligated* to give an offering, however, we invite you, to respond to God's love. Our offering is a significant act of worship to God through our giving.

OFFERTORY

Renee Matthews - Violin

Please stand.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Pastor offers prayers and praises for people and their needs, concluding each petition by saying, "Lord, in Your mercy," and the congregation responds, "**Hear our prayer.**")

THE INVITATION

P: Welcome to the celebration! God who supplies our every need has given us this meal to share.

C: Lord, we thank You for the bread of eternal life.

P: We come to the table, acknowledging our shortcomings and our need to experience Your presence in bread and wine.

C: Lord, we thank You for the bread of eternal life.

SANCTUS

(Tune: "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Day and night we join to praise
Your love and majesty.
You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
We rejoice to join the hymns
Of earth and sky and sea.
Generations praise You, with saints and angels,
Holy and bless'd through all eternity.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

(Tune: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" LSB 702)

**O Lamb of God, we pray
Take all our sins away
Our faith increase.
Have mercy on us all,
Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call,
And grant us peace.**

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Because the sacrament can be taken to one's spiritual harm if not properly understood, we ask all guests with us to please refer to our statement of belief found on order of service page in this worship folder before communing. We are eager for you to participate fully in every aspect of this ministry, and yet we do not want to compromise any portion of God's Word among us, which would result in harming you spiritually.

Ushers will dismiss you by rows to approach the altar via the center aisle. Those who desire to receive communion should hold out an open hand to receive Jesus body placed in their palm. Please place Christ's Body in your mouth immediately. You may either take an individual cup from the tray or take a sip of wine from the chalice. Please take the chalice into your two hands and hand it back to the pastor after you have taken a sip. You may return to your seat to pray and sing via the side aisles.

COMMUNION HYMN *"On Eagles' Wings"*

LSB 727

**1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!"**

REFRAIN **And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. *REFRAIN***

- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. REFRAIN**
- 4 For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. REFRAIN**

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ANTHEM

Renee Matthews - Violin

COMMUNION HYMN *"What a Friend We have in Jesus"* LSB 770

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
 All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
 Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!**
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
 Who will all our sorrows share?**

**Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
 Thou wilt find a solace there.**

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BENEDICTION

P: 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.

Numbers 6:24–26

C: Amen.

HYMN *"Have No Fear, Little Flock"*

LSB 735

**1 Have no fear, little flock;
 Have no fear, little flock,
 For the Father has chosen
 To give you the Kingdom;
 Have no fear, little flock!**

- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
 For the Father will keep you
 In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!**
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
 For He stoops down to heal you,
 Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!**
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
 For He stays close beside you,
 In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!**

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SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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