

<sup>41</sup> At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup> 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’?”

<sup>43</sup> “Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered. <sup>44</sup> “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. <sup>46</sup> No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. <sup>50</sup> But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

**Sermon Hymn:** 358 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

**Sermon:** What Was I Worried About?

**Offering:** *(Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)*

**3rd Hymn:** 757 Where your Treasure Is

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:** 170 Draw Us to Thee

**Ushers:** This Week – Jim Lichtenberg & Jeremy Wagie  
Next Week – Zach Walsh & Mike Walsh

**Greeters:** This Week – Chuck & Sharon Christoph  
Next Week – Rose Henning & Arlene Borchardt

## ***St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church***

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – August 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018



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# We Welcome You!

**Order of Worship:** New Service Setting (on the screen)

**Opening Hymn:** 491 O Master of the Loving Heart

## Prayer of the Day:

M: 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.**

## 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.*

<sup>3</sup> Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, <sup>4</sup> while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, 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." <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep.

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

<sup>7</sup> 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." <sup>8</sup> 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.

**Psalm of the Day - Psalm 34, p. 80**

## Second Lesson - Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2

*It is when we fail to grasp that the living Bread from heaven is everything and are deceived into thinking that the temporal is more important, it is then that we become bitter, frustrated, angry, greedy and grasping. For we never have enough of the visible and always see someone else who has more and deserves it less. But when we have everything because we have Christ and his grace, Christ and his forgiveness, Christ and his providential care, then we can afford and will eagerly strive to imitate him. It's all a matter of perspective, of seeing the importance of the temporal chiefly in this that it is a reminder of the eternal.*

<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

**5** Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

## 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.*