

food to which it points, and the generosity and grace of the one who gives both in such rich measure.

²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶ Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

³⁰ So they asked him, “What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³² Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “from now on give us this bread.”

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Children’s Sermon

Sermon Hymn: 402 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Sermon:

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

Thoughts from Psalm 46 by Wendy Winkler and Janet Swanson

3rd Hymn: 401 Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Benediction

Closing Hymn: 471 Renew Me, O Eternal Light

Ushers: This Week – Paul Milbrath & Lucas Zuehlke
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We Welcome You!

Order of Worship: Pg. 26

Opening Hymn: 186 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

Prayer of the Day:

M: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson - Exodus 16:2-15

People would still like it today if God gave everything temporal like manna from heaven. And if it happened they would behave no differently than the Israelites did: they would eat their fill and be not one bit fuller for it; they would still starve for their failure to see the true Bread from heaven. Note the point of God's generosity even in temporal bread: Then you will know that I am the LORD your God. That is always the point of God's invisible hand giving visible blessings, that we may see behind them nothing but the power of God and the grace of the Savior. Each day look at his various visible gifts and give thanks for them as evidence of his tender love for you and his compassion for every circumstance of your life with him, your God and Savior. For he sustains the body with the perishable, so that he may fill the soul with himself.

²In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" ⁸Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD."

⁹Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'"

¹⁰While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

¹¹The LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 145, p. 119

Second Lesson - Ephesians 4:17-24

Do you see the wonderful difference between life in Christ and life outside of Christ? Outside of Christ the gifts of food and raiment, of time and energy are all squandered and lost as a foretaste of ultimate death and destruction. But with Christ and in Christ there is new life sustained outwardly and inwardly by Christ. Or don't you notice the difference? It's never a waste of time or effort to ask ourselves about that. Is your attitude different? Do you see a new life in Christ? Does anyone else see it in you? To what extent is the nurture of that new life a priority? To what extent are you eager that others see that it is new in you and your first priority? Or will we be content to be no different than the Israelites in the wilderness or so many of the Jews after the miraculous feeding of the five thousand?

¹⁷So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. ¹⁹Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

²⁰You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. ²¹Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²²You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia. (John 14:23)

Gospel - John 6:24-35

People eat the loaves and are filled! They think no further about it than to look forward to the next filling. But Jesus' miracle was a sign, i.e., something that pointed beyond the thing itself to something higher and more important, namely to the truth that he is the Son of God and the Savior. As such he has power to satisfy the needs of the body; but he always does it to remind us that the greater satisfaction is the food for the soul that gives eternal refreshment. Say, "Thank you," at the table. In doing so remember the greater food in the banquet of his Word and sacrament. That will make the eating of the perishable food he gave all the more enjoyable because of the greater