

Pentecost 11, August , 2021, **Order of Worship**

Announcements, Concerns, Joys

Call to Worship, Psalm 34:1-8 (pew Bible p. 871) 34:4, "I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears." 34:8, "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed are those who take refuge in him." We read responsively.

***Confession and Forgiveness** (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2020 Augsburg Fortress, p. 198)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin: God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God, *in* Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. *By* Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. *Through* Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn** *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts* (1,2,4,5) LBW 356, ELW 658, HP 1700

***Kyrie** LBW p. 78

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day** Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, so that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from I Kings, the 19th chapter (19:4-8)

pew Bible, p. 559

In the previous chapter there's a contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal (the Canaanite god of weather and fertility). The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. Our text finds Elijah fleeing, exhausted, and in utter despair (*Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, p. 236, Augsburg Fortress).

[After the reading: "The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**"]

A reading from Ephesians, the 4th chapter (4:25-5:2)

pew Bible, p. 1822

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death (*Sundays & Seasons*, 2020, p. 233, Augsburg Fortress).

***Alleluia!** *Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!*

***Gospel** **John 6:35, 41-51**

Before the gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

After the gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day** ***O Living Bread from Heaven (1,2,4)

LBW 197, ELW 542, HP 1541

***The Apostle's Creed**

LBW p. 85

***The Prayers of the Church** (Response to "God, in your mercy" is "**hear our prayer.**")

***The Lord's Prayer**

***Benediction**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn** ***Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LBW 230, ELW 517, HP 1574

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ!

Thanks be to God!