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For the Hungry, the empty and sometimes those who are "hangry"

The Lord provided Manna in the desert daily, except for one day when they could take enough for two days. The Apostle Paul reminded that work is not a curse, but a blessing. Jesus continues to teach us that we pray for daily bread as a reminder of our dependance on the Giver of Daily Bread. And it more than just bread, like wheat or rye. It is all that we need for this life and His desire to give us a good and purposeful life. And Jesus gives us that Bread, Himself, that gives a life that never ends in eternity. Eat well and beware of the dangers of Satan's junk food!

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Prayer

P Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Video: Thanksgiving Is Here Again

Reading *Exodus 16:1–5*

A The Old Testament Reading for this Thanksgiving Service is from the sixteenth chapter of Exodus the Second Book of Moses.

[1]They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. [2]And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, [3]and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

[4]Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. [5]On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading *2 Thessalonians 3:6–15*

A The Second Reading is from the third chapter of the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

[6]Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. [7]For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, [8]nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. [9]It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. [10]For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. [11]For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. [12]Now such persons

we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

[13]As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. [14]If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. [15]Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

789 Praise and Thanksgiving

Our Confession of Faith

P What is the Fourth Petition?
C **Give us this day our daily bread.**
Give us today our daily bread.

P What does this mean?
C **God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

P What is meant by daily bread?
C **Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, 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.**

Reading *Luke 11:1–4*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1]Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." [2]And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
[3]Give us each day our daily bread,
[4]and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.
And lead us not into temptation."

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.
℄ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

LSB 785 We Praise You, O God

The Thanksgiving Message : "Life Gets Better When…"

LSB 895 Now Thank We All Our God

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Confession of Sins
LSB 788 Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

Absolution
℗ In the mercy of Almighty God, Who gives us Daily Bread, and gave His Son in Perfect Life, Innocent Death and Physical Resurrection, Jesus the Bread of Life, and by His Authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
℄ **Amen.**

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer *162*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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."

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Before Communing: *Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Silent Prayer After Communing: *Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your*

beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Stand

The Communion Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✢ in peace.

C **Amen.**

LSB 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Prayer

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.

C **Amen.**

817 Earth and All Stars **St 1,2 al**l, 3,4 vocalists, **5 all**, 6 vocalists **7 all**

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Guest Speaker:
N.I.D. President
Rev. Dr. Allan Buss



Join us on Christmas Eve, for coffee, hot cocoa, cookies & fellowship, before and/or after our Candle Light service.