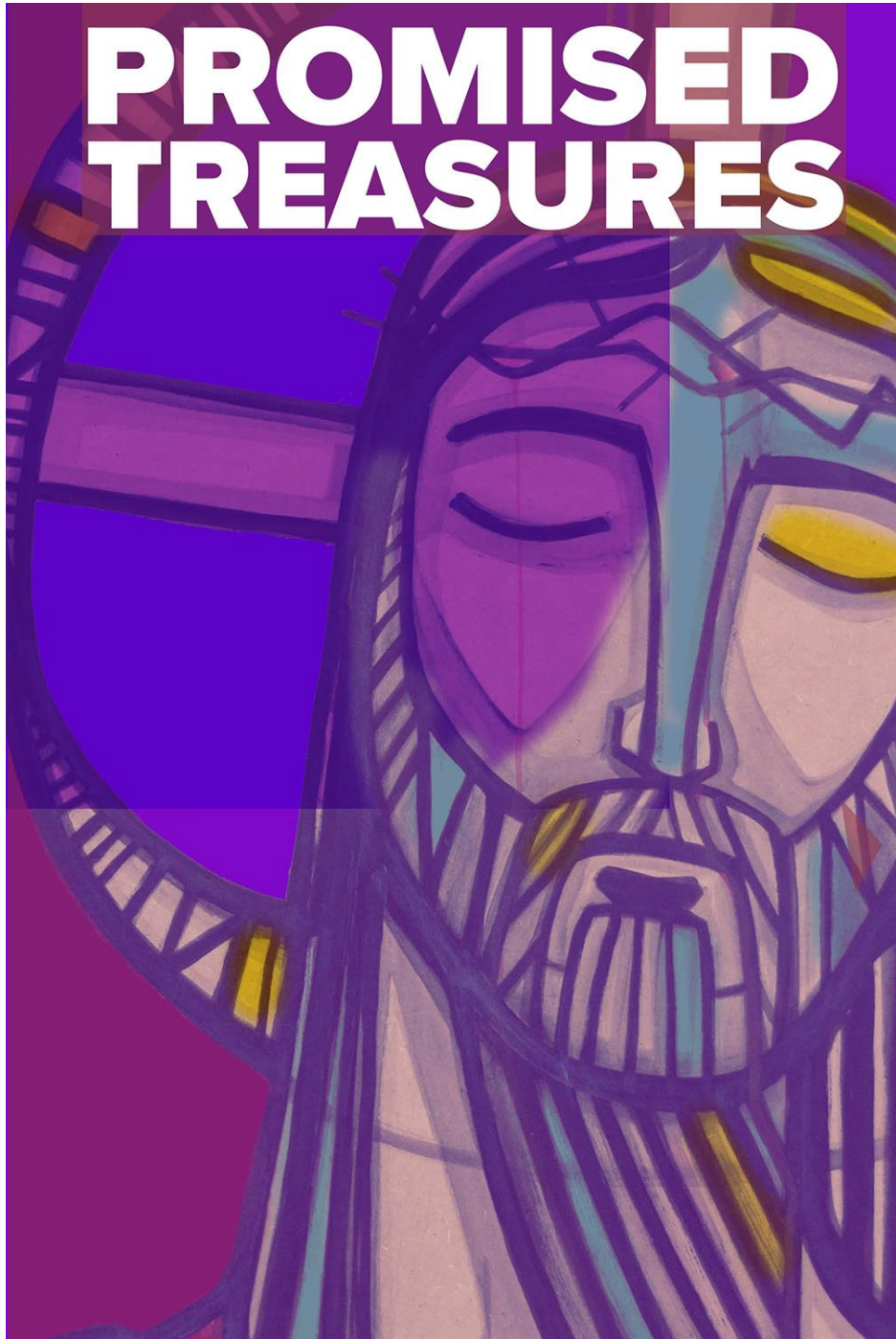


PROMISED TREASURES



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023

BREAD OF LIFE

AS WE GATHER

The bread we bake in our homes or buy from the store is good for today. But by tomorrow, it may be gone. The gifts we receive in this world satisfy us for a moment; however, the gifts we receive in the promised treasures of God's Word are gifts that are eternal. When Jesus describes Himself in John 6 as the bread of life, we know that He highlights for us His mission of salvation. As our bread of life, Jesus comes to forgive us, renew us, and lead us toward a meaningful life in relationship with Him. Let us taste and experience that life together this day as the Holy Spirit calls us to walk with Jesus and be satisfied by His presence among us.

✠ GATHERING ✠

"O Christ, You Walked the Road"

Verse 1

O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
You face with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient foe.

Verse 2

No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.

Verse 3

No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.

Verse 4

When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.

Verse 5

O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.

CALLING ON GOD'S NAME

SPEAKING GOD'S WORD TO ONE ANOTHER

2 Corinthians 5:21, alt.; Isaiah 53:5

Pastor: For our sake God made Jesus to be sin who knew no sin,

People: so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Pastor: But He was wounded for our transgressions;

People: He was crushed for our iniquities;

Pastor: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

People: and with His stripes we are healed.

SEEKING AND RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

Based on Philippians 2:1–11

Pastor: Lord Jesus, search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

We observe a moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

Pastor: With humble hearts, let us pray together:

People: Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.

Pastor: Our souls are hungry and in need. We waste away without Your daily bread in our lives.

People: Our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is why You died for us—

Pastor: to forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.

Pastor: With hearts that are humble and lives ever grateful, help us to receive Your grace, bow before You in worship, and confess that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God our heavenly Father shows His mercy to us in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, the true bread from heaven who satisfies the hunger of our souls. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reveal Yourself as the bread of life who satisfies all the hungry souls that return to You in repentance and faith.

People: Renew our hearts and minds during this Lenten season as we receive the promised treasures of Your Word;

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2–5, 11–18

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1–4, 15–17

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:32–37

HYMN

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

LSB 625

Verse 1

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, May I in grace possess You.
Let me with holy food be fed, In hunger I address You.
Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored,
Give me Your grace and mercy.

Verse 2

To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me;
Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek,
To share Your cup of healing.

Verse 3

O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, For full and free remission
I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That You receive me worthily,
Assured of Your full pardon.

Verse 4

I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me;
In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

MESSAGE

“Bread of Life”

Pastor Donald

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TALKING WITH GOD

Pastor: Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for blessing us with the opportunity to meditate again on the cross of Christ and receive Your promised treasures.

People: **Grant that the message of the Lamb of God slain for our salvation bring us the riches of Your pardon and peace.**

Pastor: Lead us to see that our sins caused Jesus' great agony in the garden, that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary,

People: **that He was forsaken by His Father so that we might never be forsaken, and that He died so that we may live.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, grant that especially during this sacred season the treasured story of Your wondrous love for us would draw us closer to You.

Pastor: **Enable us to savor You as the true bread of life, trusting that You forgive us, renew us, satisfy us, and give our lives meaning.**

Pastor: Holy Spirit, lift up troubled souls everywhere. Grant wholeness to those hurting in heart, body, and mind. Work Your healing power in the lives of those in need, [*especially . . .*], and in the lives of all we name before You in our hearts.

People: **All glory, honor, and praise be to You, with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

(forgive us our sins...)

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

People: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

LEAVING WITH A BLESSING

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

"For the Fruits of His Creation"

LSB 894

Verse 1

For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.

For His gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, Thanks be to God.

Verse 2

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring For the hungry and despairing

In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

Verse 3

For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us,

Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.