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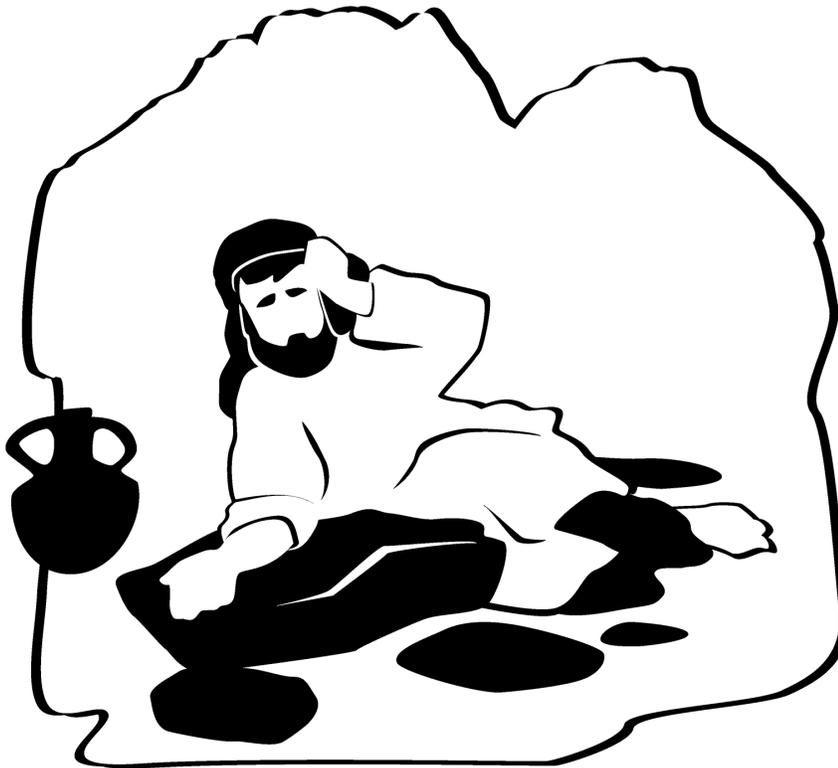
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[Elijah] looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water... And he arose and ate and drank and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God. *1 Kings 19:6,8*

AS WE GATHER

As we live out each day, we reflect on our faith in our words and actions. Each of us is an example of the Christian life as we struggle to live in forgiving love toward one another, and also as we continue to trust in the forgiveness Christ won for us. In today's Old Testament Reading, Elijah almost gives up, but he is strengthened with miraculous food. Then in the Epistle, Paul provides a list of what our life in Christ should look like because of our new birth in Baptism. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out the connection between receiving His body and blood in the Lord's Supper and living in hope each day. He is the bread of life from heaven, who enables each of us to discard our old ways, live in the new life of God's forgiving love, and adorn ourselves with gladness.

PRELUDE *"Pastorale on 'My God, Thy Table Now is Spread'", arr. By Ashdown. The tune is "Rockingham" which, in LSB is the alternate melody for "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and also for LSB 624, "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born"*

WELCOME

BIRTHDAY BLESSING Saturday 8/18 Rosalyn Hepting

♪ **Thanks for our friends who celebrate
And God's rich blessings contemplate.
Praise for another year on earth.
Praise to the Lord who gives us birth. Amen.**

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" #636 v1-2

Please Stand

Pastor: We begin in the name of the Father, the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: I sought the Lord, and He answered me

People: and delivered me from all my fears.

Pastor: Those who look to Him are radiant,

People: and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Pastor: Let us then go to God, confessing our sins, confident of His grace and mercy.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord God Almighty,

People: we confess that there are times when we have forgotten the hope that is within us. As Elijah feared and fled the forces of Jezebel, so we fear the evil around us. Although incapable of saving ourselves, we attempt to find peace and protection through our own efforts. Assure us of the new life You have given us, made certain in our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ,

People: we confess that in our daily struggles we often lose awareness of Your presence. We neglect to be faithful in our worship; we fail to recognize the forgiveness, life, and salvation that Your body and blood provide. Renew in us a desire to hear and take to heart Your promise of eternal life.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit,

People: we confess that we fail to exhibit the new life, too often falling back into the old ways we thought we had put behind us. Strengthen us through the Word to see clearly the opportunities You provide to pass on the forgiveness we ourselves have received.

Pastor: Our gracious heavenly Father sent His Son to give His life as the sacrifice for our sins. Our Lord Jesus is the bread of life from heaven, coming in the Lord's Supper to assure us of salvation until we join Him in eternity. The Holy Spirit uses Word and Sacrament to nurture our faith as we live out the new life God provides. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips,

People: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: **♪ make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✕ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON

Pastor: The Lord has enlightened us in the true faith.

People: **O come, let us worship Him.**

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

People: **♪ For He is our maker.**

VENITE

**♪ O come, let us sing unto the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, and He made it,
and His hands form-ed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**

**For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✕ and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please be Seated

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Kings 19:1–8*

(Elijah, fleeing for his life, is given miraculous food so that he may get to Horeb, the mount of God.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 4:17–5:2*

(Because Christ gave Himself as a sacrifice for us and has given us new life, our lives can reflect Him and His forgiving love.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

HYMN: “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” #636 v3-4

HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:35–51*

(Whoever believes in Jesus, the bread from heaven, has eternal life and will live forever.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the sixth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

Please be Seated

HYMN "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness #636 v. 5-6

SERMON " Be Imitators of God" Pastor Keith Loesch

Please Stand

HYMN "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness #636 v. 7-8

Please be Seated

OFFERING AND ORGAN OFFERTORY

"Con Moto Moderato, from Symphony No. 1" by Mendelssohn, arr. By Mansfield

Please Stand

KYRIE

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us;
Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us go to our heavenly Father, asking His blessings on the Church around the world, for all people in their various circumstances, and for ourselves. For the Church, gathered around Word and Sacrament, the visible sign of God's grace and mercy, that clergy and lay leaders be single-minded in the apostolic mission, promote the unity we have in the one Body of Christ, and reflect the inviting love of God in word and deed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all our brothers and sisters in Christ, that God would use Word and Sacrament to remind them of their Baptism, assure them of sins forgiven, and move them to daily acts of care and compassion that reflect His boundless love for us, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For national leaders and public servants at all levels of government, that God give them wisdom to promote justice and the common good for all their citizens and guidance as they seek peace across their borders, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For armed forces deployed abroad, defending freedom, and for police, fire, and emergency personnel, responding to human and natural crises, that God protect and guide them as they go in harm's way, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who fish and farm, who develop and produce, who transport and build, that God would use their efforts to be blessings for all, providing food for the hungry and housing for the homeless, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our congregation, that the Holy Spirit would nurture us as we seek to care for one another in all aspects of our life together, open our eyes to opportunities to share the Gospel with our neighbors through word and deed, and strengthen us to live faithfully when apart from one another, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: We pray especially for those who suffer from health problems, Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Paul Krahenbuhl and Alice Vogt. We also remember Pastor Zerkel who mourns the loss of his brother Kenneth. Help, save comfort and defend them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, grant these requests and answer them in grace for the sake of Your Son, the bread from heaven, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

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People: Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him,

Pastor: who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: ♪ Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: ♪ Amen.

HYMN "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" #685

POSTLUDE *"Blessed Assurance" arr. By Williams*