

Readings for August 8, 2021

Prelude: “*Panis Angelicus*” by César Franck

Prayer of the Day:

P: 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, 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.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴[Elijah] went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.”⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.”⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.”⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:25--5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,²⁷ and do not make room for the devil.²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice,³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children,² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.”⁴² They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves.⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.⁴⁸ I am the bread of life.⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Hymn of Praise: Verses 2 & 4

Closing Hymn: Verses 2 & 4

Postlude: “*Élévation*” by Francois Couperin

Prayer list: Carol, Nancy, Pastor Steve Swanson, Jean, Guy, Perry, Rose, Cindy, Corie, Sandy, Gary, Michael, Will, Gerry, Bob & Sue, Jennifer, Dave, all those diagnosed with COVID-19, and those we hold in our thoughts.

Due to recent adjustments to guidelines outlined by the CDC and local governments, Concordia Church is also adjusting its worship protocols. We are now asking everyone to wear a mask during the worship service – regardless of vaccination status - for the safety of everyone attending on Sundays.

Our Baptism unites us in one common identity—we are God’s people and sisters and brothers together in God’s family. Rejoice with us today as we celebrate a new member of our family joining us through Holy Baptism: William Ostler. Washed in the waters of Baptism, we are renewed, refreshed and made ready for God’s calling. How wonderful to be children of God.

Fellowship after worship has resumed! Enjoy some coffee and reconnect with your Concordia family. Fellowship will occur in the gym immediately following the conclusion of the worship service.

Our Family Faith resources page has been updated! You can now visit www.concordiafaith.org/familyfaith and find all of the videos and at-home resources for the Summer Family Faith Series: Six Days of Creation. This page also hosts all prior video children’s messages, as well as previous downloadable activities for your children and your family. We hope that these resources are a blessing to your faith this summer and beyond. Check it regularly for updates!

Concordia Church is partnering with the Common Pantry to support a ‘Take What You Need’ food pantry in the lobby of Swedish Covenant hospital, created for patients to grab grocery staples they need on their day of discharge. **Our next pick-up date is September 7th!** Please bring shelf-stable groceries (examples are: canned goods, pasta, jarred sauces, rice, boxed mixes, etc.) to the marked container(s) in the church’s main entrance **on or before Sunday, September 6th.** Connect with [Jen Phillips](#) if you have any questions.

Upcoming Fall Events:

Sunday, August 29th: Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us as we share a special blessing with students and teachers as they head back to school

Sunday, September 12th: Holy Cross Sunday

We’ll dedicate the new processional cross handmade by Gary Radtke and celebrate with a fellowship BBQ following worship!