

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind  
for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2021  
Pentecost 11**

**In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for:** Dorothy Niven, Betty McEntire

*The Intercessions are being led by Janet Young*

**The Collect for Pentecost 11 is:**

Open your merciful ears, O Lord,  
to the prayers of your humble servants:  
and, that you would graciously grant what we ask,  
make us desire what is pleasing in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, world without end  
**Amen**

**The Old Testament Reading is 1 Kings 19: 4-8**

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.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep.

Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' 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. 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.' 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 34: 1-8**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2. I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice.
3. Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his name together.
4. I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.

5. Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.
6. I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.
7. The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,  
and he will deliver them.
8. Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The New Testament Reading is from the Letter of Paul to the  
Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2 (Being read by Ian Gillespie)**

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

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. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Reading is John 6: 35, 41-51**

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

Jesus 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.' Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 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"?'

Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. 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. 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. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Post Communion Prayer:**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**