



Elijah's God is My God Too!

Today: My Provider

God reveals his mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness – a mercy and kindness that feeds hungry mouths and hungry souls with his gifts of grace.

Heavenly Father, Give us today our daily bread.



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STAND

The sign of the cross and God's Triune name help us remember our baptism (Matthew 28:19).

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *(spoken)*

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of Life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called shepherd:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY - *Kyrie*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORD



THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This simple song of praise builds off of the first line of the Psalm for today, Psalm 42. It fits today's theme well: hungering and thirsting for God's grace and goodness.



HYMN OF THE DAY

As the Deer (LAPPY p.14)

- 1 As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.**

Refrain

**You alone are my strength, my shield. To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.**

- 2 You're my friend, and you're my brother, even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.**

Refrain



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Is My God Too!**

**He Gives Us
Our Daily
Bread**

SERMON READING:

1 Kings 17:1-6

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

2 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: 3 "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. 4 You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there."

5 So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.



Offerings are part of our worship life and our life in the church. Moved by the three fold blessing of God, Christians cheerfully give and give generously so others may know the precious message of Jesus. During this time of social distancing, your offering may be left at the door or mailed or you may give online at www.gracelutheran.church.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD'S PRAYER

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 BLESSING

M: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD makes his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with his favor and give you his peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Oh, that I had a Thousand Voices (#242)

- 1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.**

- 2 O forest leaves, so green and tender,
That dance for joy in summer air,
O meadow grasses, bright and slender,
O flow'rs, so wondrous sweet and fair,
You live to show his praise alone;
With me now make his glory known.**

- 3 All creatures that have breath and motion,
That fill the earth, the sea, and sky,
Now join me in my heart's devotion;
Help me to raise his praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite
Express the wonders of his might.**
- 4 Lord, I will tell, while I am living,
Your love and grace with ev'ry breath
And greet each morning with thanksgiving
Until my heart is still in death,
And, when at last my lips grow cold,
Your praise shall in my sighs be told.**

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. composite.

CALENDAR

Thursday Bible Study online – 10 AM or 7 PM

Sunday worship – online (at your convenience)

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for giving all that we need for our lives on this new day of your grace. Keep us from being ungrateful or forgetful of the gifts you give us, and root out from our hearts all envy or greed for the gifts you give others. Teach us to find contentment in your promises of love and care, and deliver us from the delusion that it is our own power and work which keep us alive. Preserve our government, our families and all useful structures of society through which you bless us. Grant good weather, safe travel, good health through doctors and nurses and science and medicine. Preserve the beauties of nature around us that they may remind us that you rule the winds and the waves, the birds and the harvest, that we might praise you the Creator and Preserver of all good things. And just as you remember us, dear Father, so help us to respond when we hear the cries of the needy and helpless. May we not be coldhearted and unconcerned when others lack daily bread. And finally feed us with the true Bread of Life, our Lord and Savior who satisfies hungry hearts and souls, now and for eternity. Heavenly Father, Give us today our daily bread and hear us as we pray... Amen.

