

8 August 2021

ELEVENTH  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

Jesus gives himself as the  
living bread for eternal life.

verse for the week

"I tell you for  
certain that  
everyone who  
has faith in me  
has eternal life"

JOHN 6:47

## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

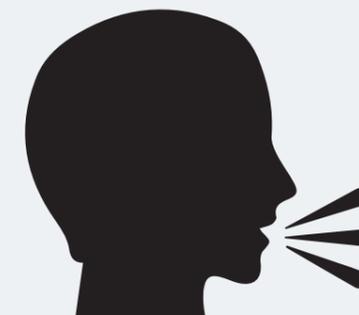
S	John 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven
M	1 Kings 19:4-8	Elijah flees from Jezebel
T	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Rules for the new life
W	John 4:1-16	Jesus promises living water
T	Revelation 7:9-17	Never again will they hunger
F	Genesis 18:1-15	Abram and Sarai feed strangers
S	Psalms 34:1-8	Taste and see
S	John 6:51-58	Christ, the true food and drink

**Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?**

## Creative Response

Ephesians 4:29 says, "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."

Set aside a time this week to give family and friends compliments or words of encouragement. Pray that God will help you be more encouraging to one another.



### mealtime prayer

O taste and see that the Lord is good, we thank you now for this daily food. Amen.

## Service



St Paul reminds us that, as Christians, we work not only to provide for ourselves but so that we 'have something to share with those in need' (Ephesians 4:28).

Collect a household offering to support an organisation helping those in need. One suggestion is ALWS Gifts of Grace. See [www.alws.org.au/index.php/gifts-of-grace](http://www.alws.org.au/index.php/gifts-of-grace)

## Caring Conversations

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

What do you hope to be doing in five, ten and twenty years from now?

2

Jesus promises eternal life to everyone who has faith in him – the verse of the week. How do you feel about Jesus' promise?

3

In the Gospel of John eternal life begins now by receiving and eating the living bread that is Jesus. What does it mean to you that eternal life begins now?

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help me to look to you and believe.  
Amen.



### BLESSING

May God bless you with a strong faith in Jesus.  
May his promise of eternal life give you hope, peace and joy.