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August 2018

August 5 (John 6:22-35)

“The Bread of Life”

By Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege, St. Paul Lutheran Church~Decatur, IN

Jesus is indeed the Bread of Life. He creates life for mankind by dying and rising from the dead, thus conquering both death and its cause. He then offers himself to be eaten, which here means to be believed in. He freely gives us His gifts of forgiveness and life through Word/Sacrament, through which we are empowered by the Spirit to believe in Jesus. As we are then eating the bread of life, we indeed possess eternal life.

August 12 (Psalm 34:8)

“Try It! You’ll Like It!”

By Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church~Fort Wayne, IN

What one thing is so important to you that you could not imagine living without it? Spouse? Children? Physical mobility? Intellectual ability? Experience teaches that any of these can be taken from us. What is the one abiding thing that cannot be snatched from our grasp? Try it! You’ll like it!

August 19 (John 6:51, 60-69)

“Those Difficult Places”

By Rev. James L. Elsner, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church~Stroh, IN

Life twists and turns. Our pleasant, peaceful places can suddenly become difficult places in life. Conflicts emerge in family and at work. Health declines and crisis rob us of freedom. In those difficult places, our help and hope are in God alone.

August 26 (Isaiah 29:11-19)

“Lip Service or Heart Service”

By Rev. William Mueller, Suburban Bethlehem Church~Fort Wayne, IN

Do we merely give God "lip service" instead of true "heart service?" What difference does it make? How about God - which one does He give us?