God Provides Manna and Quail – Exodus 16

Know the Bible Now

A Visual Intro to the Bible

Summer Sermon Series



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People never feel like they know enough about the Bible. No matter if you're new to Christianity, haven't looked at the Bible since Sunday School some 20 years ago, or are in church every week, you still may doubt that you could learn the Bible.

This is one reason that God brings us together in the Church—we need to learn the Bible from each other. We keep encouraging one another to hear the Bible again, to return to it day after day, week after week. It is God's rich fountain of life-giving words.

This summer at Bethel you'll have a unique opportunity to review the major stories of the Bible. Kind of like Sunday School during Worship, each week we'll feature one of the stories that shape God's story of how He brought salvation for His people. Together with the companion book from Concordia Publishing House, this is a time to review those stories, learn new stories (or stories you've forgotten), while also seeing how God speaks to us through His Word to give us confidence and hope now.

Books are available for purchase at Bethel from the Resource Shelves (located between Katrina and Pastor's offices).

The suggested donation is \$15, but if you are unable to afford that, we still want you to take a copy for your family.

This sermon series refers to "Bible Stories".

We don't call them stories as in a fable or fiction,
but a description of an event that really took place.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday 6:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays and the Thursday prior
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

Serving Today

Thursday 6:30PM

Sunday 9:00AM

Elders: Comm/Asst. Elder: David Ziegler Jack Warneke Bob Souza JJ Jones

Comm/Asst. Elde Acolvtes:

Michaela & Logan Rosenthal

OPEN, OPEN

Lay Readers:

Jacob Leicht

OPEN

Ushers: Greeters: Don Heidlauf, **OPEN** Andy & Lynn Barkley, John Schultz, George Bruszer The Anderson Family,

Theresa Fugelseth

Jim Franz

July Altar Guild:

Diane Rogala

Shelia Bunnell

July Counters:

Dave & Cheryl Ross

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The Kozlik family in celebration of Sasha's birthday.

CATECHISM SERVICE

Today's service uses words from Martin Luther's Small Catechism as it teaches us about the basic elements of the Christian faith.



Invocation

- P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: These words remind us of our baptism. What is Baptism?
- C: Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.
- P: What benefits does Baptism give?
- C: It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.
- P: What does God's Word in Romans 6 teach us about Baptism?
- C: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Baptism Verse Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LSB 590 st. 1

Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

- P: What is Confession and Absolution?
- C: Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.
- P: Confess and admit your sins to God the Father.
- C: I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let his love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I pray You, Almighty God, merciful Father, for the sake of the innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Do you believe that word of Christ's forgiveness I speak to you is from the Lord Himself?

C: I do.

P: Receive the forgiveness Christ won for you by His Passion, death, and resurrection. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Absolution Verse Jesus Sinners Will Receive

LSB 609, stanza 6

Now my conscience is at peace;

From the Law I stand acquitted.

Christ hath purchased my release

And my ev'ry sin remitted.

Naught remains my soul to grieve:

Jesus sinners doth receive.

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, You once delivered Your people Israel from bondage under Pharoah and led them by a pillar of cloud and fire through the sea to safety. Grant that we may so follow Christ that through the waters of Baptism we may daily die and rise with Him and walk in safety through the wilderness of this life until we see Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading for the 7th Week after Pentecost Ezekiel 2:1-5 (ESV)

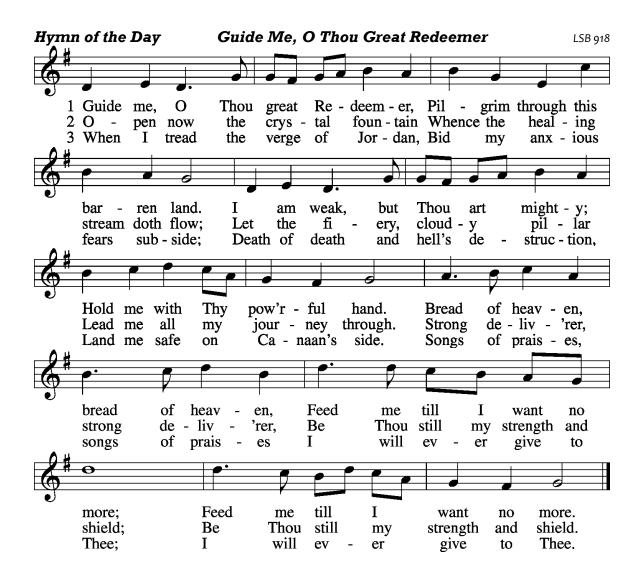
¹ He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you."

²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

In Worship,
we read the story from
Know the Bible Now,
pages 66-67—
"God Provides
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Acknowledgments

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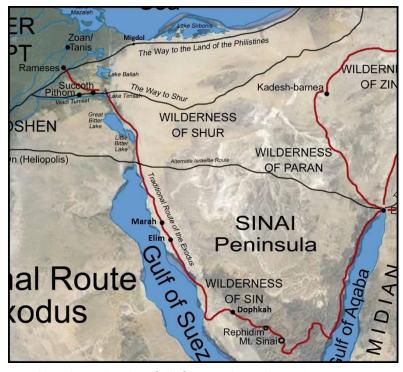
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Sermon

Exodus 16:1-12

¹They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt,



when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling." ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.""

Confession of Faith 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed and Luther's explanation

- P: What do you believe about the Holy Spirit?
- C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
- P: What does this mean?
- C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.



7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Perform thy duties faithfully, And trust His Word; though undeserving, Thou yet shalt find it true for thee. God never yet forsook in need The soul that trusted Him indeed.

Prayers

- P: The Lord invites us to pray saying:
- C: Our Father who art in heaven.
- P: What does this mean?
- C: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.
- P: Therefore, we bring our prayers to You this day, Father...

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Closing Words Based on Luther's Small Catechism

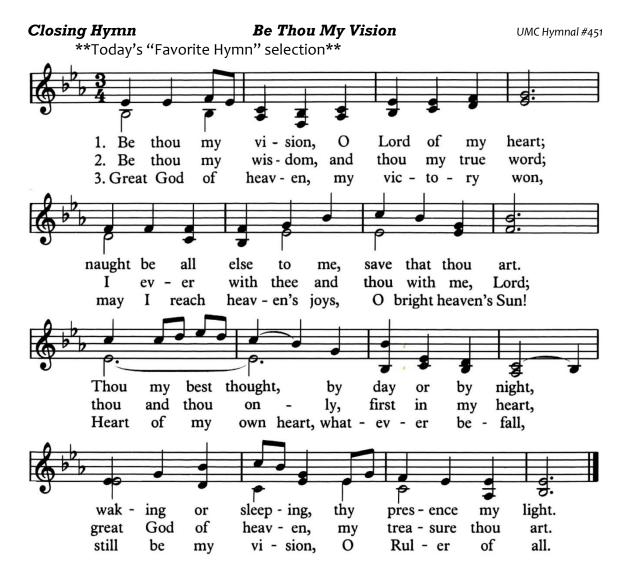
- P: We have prayed as the Lord has taught us.

 We have said, "But deliver us from evil." What does this mean?
- C: We pray that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us to be with Him for eternity.
- P: The Church concludes the prayer saying, "For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen." What does this mean?
- C: This means that I should be certain that these requests are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.



Announcements