

Daily Readings

"He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant." - Psalm 111:5

Looking Back . . .

Sunday	Mark 7:24-37	The Syrophenician woman and the deaf man
Monday	Isaiah 38:10-20	Praise for recovery from sickness
Tuesday	Joshua 6:1-21	Jericho taken and destroyed
Wednesday	Hebrews 11:29-12:13	The faith of other Israelite heroes and the example of Jesus

Looking Ahead . . .

Thursday	Psalm 116:1-9	Thanksgiving for recovery from illness
Friday	Joshua 6:22-27	A woman saved, a city burned
Saturday	James 2:14-26	Faith without works is dead
Sunday	Mark 8:27-38	Peter's declaration, and Jesus' death foretold

Household Service

Pentecost Series 3: How We Feed Each Other

Week 4:

Clean water is a major crisis for many in the under-developed parts of the world. Not just having to boil water for safety but even having access to water. Some people have to walk miles just to find any water at all—even dirty water. Read a story on the gift of water on the ELCA website: <http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Stories-of-Faith-in-Action/Waters-of-New-Life.aspx>

Take a water bottle and mark it "Clean water for all!" For the rest of September, place your change from the end of the day (or week) in the bottle. Challenge your friends and neighbors to do the same. Then go to: <https://community.elca.org/sslpage.aspx?pid=607> and donate towards a well for a community!

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"Dinner" Devotions

Meal Prayer

Come Lord Jesus be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed. Blessed be our God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen

The Story

Ezekiel and the Scroll - Ezekiel 3:1-6

A prophet being given the word of God to go and tell others. Ezekiel is given paper to eat! It can be a funny story if you read it right! .

Conversations

Day 1

Ezekiel 3: 1

When are you told to eat what is offered to you? Why do we need to eat? Is food something we have, need, or enjoy (or all of the above) and why/how?

Day 2

Ezekiel 3:2

Ezekiel is given a scroll—paper to eat so he is eating words. What does this image make you think of? How is 'eating words' like 'eating food'? What words do we have to eat?

Day 3

Ezekiel 3:3

What do you imagine paper to taste like? These words were as sweet as honey and filled his mouth and stomach. What words fill you or sound or seem sweet as honey? What kind of words don't feel like honey?

Day 4

Ezekiel 3:4

What does it mean for Ezekiel to be sent to the house of Israel? What words do you think he is supposed to say? What words are we to say about our faith to others?

Day 5

Ezekiel 3:5

Who needs to hear Ezekiel's words? How do God's words in the Bible get spoken to us? When we listen to the words of God or prayers or people tell us about their faith, how do those words stay with us? What are faith words that stick with you?

Blessing

Jesus said, I am the bread of life. You will never be hungry or thirsty in my love.

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