

AUGUST 16, 2015
TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

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We have life because of Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	John 6:51-58	Christ, the true food and drink
Monday	Genesis 43:1-15	Joseph's brothers need food
Tuesday	Genesis 45:1-15	Joseph provides food
Wednesday	Genesis 47:13-26	Famine even in Egypt
Thursday	Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool
Friday	Acts 6:1-7	Deacons chosen to distribute food
Saturday	Psalms 36:7-9	God gives food and drink
Sunday	John 6:56-69	Many disciples desert Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me." John 6:57 (NRSV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord, please help us to live wisely and to use every chance we have to do good. Amen. (Ephesians 5:15-16)

Mealttime Prayer:

Thank you, God, for blue skies above us, green grass below us, good friends beside us and fine food before us. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the life of Jesus give you life. May you live forever because of him. Amen.

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What different foods have you eaten today? What food have you enjoyed most of all?
- Jesus said that he was "bread from heaven," and that those who feed on him will live. In what ways is Jesus nourishment for you?
- How is your life different because you are nourished by Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Cut out pieces of paper in the shape of bread rolls or bread slices and mark each one with a cross. Position an empty plate in the middle of your home devotional area. When you gather, invite each person to offer a prayer request beginning with the words, "*Jesus, bread of life, please....*" For each prayer, place a piece of paper bread onto the plate.

SERVICE

Share the blessings you have received from God with a needy child overseas by putting together a "Shoebbox for Christmas" as part of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Visit www.samaritanspurse.org for more information and begin gathering items for your shoebbox of gifts.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Ephesians 5:19-20 urges us to "*speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing and making music from the heart to the Lord, and always giving thanks to God the Father for everything.*" Spend time together as a household making up a list of your ten favorite Christian hymns or songs. Then, make up your own songbook that you can use each week and take with you on holidays. Invite household members to decorate the songbook with drawings and other artwork.



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