

SERMON NOTES

13th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15, Year B * August 18, 2024

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Proverbs 9:1-6 * Psalm 34:9-14 * Ephesians 5:15-20 * John 6:51-58

God's Sensual Love

Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life... Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day." John 6:35, 53-54

What's a sacrament? Sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace. The Book of Common Prayer, 857

A sacrament is something we do on the outside that represents something God does on the inside. It's God saying, "I love you!" in a way we can see, hear, taste, touch, and smell.

Baptism

Communion

Confirmation

Marriage

Reconciliation of a Penitent (Private Confession with a priest)

Unction (anointing with oil for healing)

Ordination

Next Week's Lessons

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 * Psalm 34:15-22 * Ephesians 6:10-20 *
John 6:56-69

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. The sacraments – Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Reconciliation of a Penitent (private confession with a priest), Unction (anointing with oil for healing), and ordination – are things we do on the outside that represent things God does on our inside. Which of those have you experienced?
2. Sacraments are God's telling us he loves us in ways we can see, hear, taste, touch, and smell. How have you experienced God's love through one of them?
3. Are there any of the sacraments you're reluctant to receive? If so, why? If not, why not?
4. What is a way you've felt God's love, other than through a sacrament?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for all the ways he shows and tells you he loves you.
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- ✦ For any needs in your group.