

Sermon Outline + March 15, 2015

Give Us Today Our Daily Bread

Psalm 63:1-11 Exodus 16:1-7, 13-15, 19-20 Matthew 6:25-34

The Lord's Prayer

The Introduction: Our Father who art in heaven

First Petition: Hallowed be thy name

Second Petition: Thy kingdom come

Third Petition: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Fourth Petition: Give us this day our daily bread

Fifth Petition: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us

Sixth Petition: Lead us not into temptation

Seventh Petition: Deliver us from evil

The Doxology: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

From Martin Luther's Small Catechism

The Fourth Petition: Give us today our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God gives daily bread, even without our prayers, to all people, though sinful, but we ask in this prayer that he will help us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanks.

When does this happen?

Daily bread includes everything needed for this life, such as food and clothing, home and property, work and income, a devoted family, an orderly community, good government, favorable weather, peace and health, a good name, and true friends and neighbors.

1. What do we see as our needs?

2. What does the psalmist in Psalm 63 say about needs and wants and satisfaction?

3. How does God say He will meet our needs?

4. How does God actually meet our needs?

5. What threatens our dependence on the Lord's offering of bread and security?

6. What do we do? How do we claim God's promise of "daily bread", believe it, and live in the reality of that belief?