

Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way

November 26, 2017

Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46



Unto the Least of These. *Objects: A one-minute timer.*

Have you ever heard someone say, "Wait just a minute?" Well, sometimes a minute can seem like a long time, or a minute seems to fly by. This morning I have brought a timer with me. When you turn this timer over, it takes one minute for the sand to trickle down from one end of the timer to the other. I am going to turn this timer over and for one minute, I want you to say aloud all the things you can think of that you like to eat. Are you ready? Okay -- ready, set, go!

Wow, you thought of a lot of things that you like to eat! Now, have you ever been hungry? I mean really hungry, with no hope that you would get anything to eat today...or tomorrow...or the next day. Sometimes we forget that not everyone in the world has plenty of food to eat. In that one minute while you and I were thinking about all the good things we like to eat, many children here in our town, and around the world did not have anything to eat.

One day, Jesus was speaking to a group of people and he said to them, "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat...I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink."

"When did we do that?" they asked.

Jesus answered them, "If you did it for one of the least of my children, you did it for me."

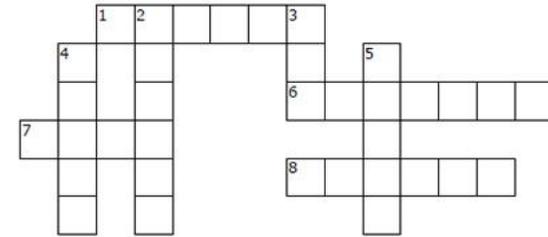
We have a lot to be thankful for. The question is, are we willing to share it with those who are not so fortunate? Remember, it is the same as doing it for Jesus!

Heavenly Father, you have given us so much. May we be willing to share it with those in need. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Alleluia. (Mark 11:9)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. A special chair used by a king or queen
6. The need or desire to drink something, especially water
7. A man who rules a country
8. A place where people are kept as a punishment

DOWN

2. To feel a desire or need for food
3. To put food into the mouth, chew it, and swallow it
4. To take in and swallow liquid through the mouth
5. To go to spend time with someone

EAT	THIRSTY	HUNGRY	PRISON
VISIT	KING	THRONE	DRINK

FOOD DRAWING: Give the child a piece of construction paper and markers or crayons. The child can draw the many kinds of food that they enjoy eating. The child can write FEED THE HUNGRY at the top of their paper. Let the child know that many children don't get to eat all of the foods that they enjoy, and some boys and girls go without food for many days. Pray with the child for boys and girls that don't have any food.



**"I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE
ME SOMETHING TO EAT."**

MATTHEW 25:35



"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?'"

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:37, 40 (NIV)