

Pentecost 11

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Isaiah 55:1-5

God's Invitation of Pure Grace to His Everlasting Covenant

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Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Savior,

- Last week, my wife and I hosted some friends for a cook-out.
- The prophet Isaiah speaking for the LORD describes quite a different marketplace.
- This marketplace with its free food and drink to enjoy is the LORD's "everlasting covenant with you."
- **God's Invitation of Pure Grace to His Everlasting Covenant.** It alone satisfies our souls. God promised his faithful love to David.
- The LORD speaks through Isaiah's mouth and pen.
- The LORD's marketplace is not only different, it is unique.
- We see in Isaiah chapter 53 what the milk, wine and bread are.
- The spiritual food God gives is all good and free.
- God had promised David that the Savior would come from his family.
- The LORD goes on to show that King David was a type of that coming Savior.
- The people under David had enjoyed the rich fare that delighted their souls.
- We dine on this everlasting banquet of good and free food in response to God's call of grace.
- The LORD is speaking about the difference between Israel and the nations, the Gentiles.
- The LORD has revealed food and drink without cost.
- Give up your efforts on what is not bread. End your labors on what does not satisfy.
- The LORD invites you all to come, buy and eat. Give ear and come to him. Hear him that your soul may live. Amen. <SDG>

