



Oh Taste and See...

There are so many things that I miss when grappling with this Covid-19 reality. I especially miss family, and friends, and residents, spending special time together. Many of you have commented to me that you really miss having dinner together in your respective dining rooms. Good food and good fellowship, and sharing the events and blessings of the day. I'm trusting that all of that will come back. I also miss those very special themed dinners that our wonderful dietary staff put on. I have been kindly invited to join in, and have truly enjoyed every aspect of those incredible times. A lot of thought, and preparation, and love go into those amazing dinners. And yet, wouldn't it be odd if a resident walked into the Meyer Auditorium and enjoyed the beautiful presentation of the food and then just left without eating? Or if another resident came in and got close enough to smell the wonderful aroma of the food and enjoyed that, but left without taking a bite? There would really be something missing from that experience. The hope would be that each resident would enjoy the full presentation of the food, the aroma as well, and taste and enjoy the food, and have very special fellowship with their dear friends or family. To experience the "full meal deal," all that Travis, Chef Dan, and Cherie, and all the dietary staff had planned for you to enjoy to the fullest!

For now, we can't gather closely around a table for one of those special meals. But there is an invitation in the Bible that we can accept today. "*O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man (or woman) that trusts in Him*" (Psalm 34:8). The "tasting" here is not an actual eating, but rather, simply trying God. Try God—He is extending a warm hand to you. This verse is an invitation to draw close to God, to experience His love and His goodness. He offers protection, direction, peace, forgiveness, wisdom, and more. The more we experience God, the more we realize that we can trust Him and take refuge in Him. The best part of God's banquet is Jesus Himself!! He wants us to have the full experience of knowing Him and becoming a child of God. Once we have a "taste" of God we will truly be blessed and never be the same.

You continue to be in my prayers. Love in Christ,

Chaplain Todd