

# Sweet in the mouth, bitter in the stomach



Divine Service

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

## Message:

Let us live the gospel of Jesus Christ as a whole.

## Bible text: Revelation 10: 9

*So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."*

## Summary:

The little book that John is to eat is an image for the gospel. Sweet messages can also create bitterness:

- God is not only gracious to us, but also accepts people who are not to our liking.
- God's love is bestowed upon us, but does not spare us from suffering.
- Only belief in the Son leads to fellowship with God. For some, this is too absolute and unacceptable.

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