



*Nurturing a Living Faith
with Open Hearts
and Serving Hands*

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Introduction to the Day

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

ELW Setting 8

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ELW pg. 94
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN “All Who Hunger” ELW #461

GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE AND CANTICLE OF PRAISE ELW pgs. 184-185

**10th Sunday after
Pentecost
July 28, 2024
8:30 a.m.**



**Welcome to
Worship at Trinity
Lutheran**

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The church is not a building – it is you, the people. So “church,” thanks for showing up today. If you look around what you will see are imperfect people. Some with smiles, some with broken hearts, some with secrets they are ashamed to share... and yet all of us together are the “church.”

We are thankful you are here. Through God's Holy Spirit we pray you hear a word of grace and hope today.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 4:42-44

Dean Natwick, reader

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'"⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:10-18

Please read responsively.

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Celtic Alleluia"

ELW #174

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 6, beginning with verse 1.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰

Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Martha HarriSon

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I Come With Joy"

ELW #482

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Kumbayah, my Lord, Kumbayah!
Kumbayah, my Lord, Kumbayah!
Kumbayah, my Lord, Kumbayah!
O Lord, Kumbayah!**

**Someone's praying, Lord, Kumbayah!
Someone's praying, Lord, Kumbayah!
Someone's praying, Lord, Kumbayah!
O Lord, Kumbayah!**

*Please pray for James, Ellen, Morgan, Denell, Terry,
Michelle, Leona, Ron, Eleanor, Darrell, Melissa, Kim & Harley.*

**Kumbayah, my Lord, Kumbayah!
Kumbayah, my Lord, Kumbayah!
Kumbayah, my Lord, Kumbayah!
O Lord, Kumbayah!**

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OFFERING/OFFERING RESPONSE

"Create in Me"

W&P #35

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you;
Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might be renewed.
So fill me and heal me, and bring me back to you.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.**

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation,

all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

ELW #547

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

WE EXTEND OUR CONGREGATION’S SYMPATHY to the family of Larry Dennis. His funeral will be at Trinity on Friday, August 16th @ 11 a.m. Please keep his family in your prayers.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is given in memory of Alice Marks.

GREAT NEWS - The installation of Trinity’s Fire Alarm System is complete. All alarms, smoke detectors and pull stations have been installed and are working as designed. This past week the entire system was tested and passed inspection. Thanks for your support of this safety upgrade. Heather will be putting together a capital campaign financial update for the August church council meeting. Following that meeting, we will share the update with the entire congregation. In the meantime, there is one major project yet to complete from our capital campaign and that is the installation of new lighting fixtures in the sanctuary. We hope to have a bid soon so we know the cost of that project. We will keep you updated on the plans.

BLOCK PARTY & CORN FEED - Our annual party is set for Sunday, August 11th. This is a way to reach out to our neighbors so all are welcome to attend! Invite a friend! There will be free food and yard games. We will also have a cornhole tournament this year! You can sign-up for the tournament or to be a volunteer on the sheets in the Narthex. See Pastor Martha for any questions.

TRINITY MEN’S GROUP STEAK FRY - Join us Tuesday, August 13th, for Trinity’s Steak Fry @ 6 p.m. Guys, you are invited to bring a friend if you would like. We ask that you sign-up in the Narthex – we will be buying steaks from 3Be Meats and will only be buying enough for those who have signed up. Menu is steak, baked potato, salad, bread & dessert. Suggested donation for supper is \$20. Contact Pastor Mark for questions.

UNITED WAY DAY OF CARING - Trinity is participating in this event again on Wednesday, August 9th @ 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please sign up on United Way's website (www.volunteerbismar.com) if you would like to volunteer that day. Lunch will be provided. Contact John for more information.

CHURCH-TO-GO BAGS - Our 2nd round of Church-To-Go Bags are ready “to-go”! Grab a bag from the Narthex to use on your next family outing this summer.

ONLINE GIVING - Giving has never been easier! Open your camera on your phone and scan the QR code. It will take you right to Trinity’s online giving site. You can choose to give via credit card or bank account. Try it out today!



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 7-28

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

Monday 7-29

6 PM - Lutherans in Leather in Parking Lot

Tuesday 7-30

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters’ Room
4 PM - Property Committee in Conference Room
6 PM - Community Builders Comm. in Conf. Room

Wednesday 7-31

6 PM - Worship outdoors at Peace Chapel

Saturday 8-3

10 AM - Grief Support Group in Conf. Room

Sunday 8-4

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

