

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FIRST COMMUNION** - We will have first communion instruction **TODAY** after the 11:15 service. Lunch will be provided, and we should be done in about an hour. Please call the office to let us know if you will be coming and how many kids you are bringing. First communion in church will happen on August 8th (Rally Day!). So excited for our youngest members to receive the body and blood of Jesus!

**SUNDAY SERVICE SERVERS** – A church service is defined as a formalized period of Christian communal worship, often held in a church building. Pastors come to church to serve the members of the congregation. Members come to be served and to serve those around them. Returning to normal means returning to the service of others. In the next few weeks, please consider serving those around you by stepping in to make each Sunday successful. Some of the ways of serving are: Helping the **Altar Guild** set up before the service, **Greeting** people as they arrive, **Assisting** the Pastors during the service, **Reading** from the Bible aloud, **Counting** offering after the service, **Cleaning up** the Welcome area & loading the dishwasher after the 11:15 service, **Ushering** and tidying up the sanctuary after services... We can't do it without you. Let us know if you can assist.

**SOCIAL MISSIONS IS AT IT AGAIN!** - Our FOOD VOUCHER program is getting ready to start back up, the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. **If you would like to be a part of these wonderful ministries, please call Phyllis Sims @423-987-0644 or any member of the Social Missions Group. Several of their members have retired.** If you would like to sign up to help distribute food vouchers, please SIGN UP on [chattanooga.lutheran.org](http://chattanooga.lutheran.org), on the SERVE page in the menu. We're currently collecting CEREAL & packets of INSTANT POTATOES.

**NEW MEMBER SOCIAL** - Are you or someone you know new to Trinity? Is there someone in your life curious about church but not ready to show up on Sunday? We've got an event for them! On Thursday **July 29th at 6:00pm** we will be having a New Faces Social at Ingrid Fortuna's house. Whether you are brand new and visiting today or you've been coming for a while and are hoping to get more involved you are welcome to join us for a happy hour style gathering to get to know your friends in the pews and learn a little bit more about Trinity Lutheran! Invite a friend if you like, everyone is welcome! If you are already a member at Trinity and want to join in the fun and welcome these folks you are also welcome! Please RSVP to Pastor Elise (pastoreliseanderson@gmail.com) by July 22nd.

**LADIES LUNCH OUT** - Ladies lunch out is **August 14** at 12pm at Volcano Crab 2342 Shallowford Village Dr. Contact Pam Smith (716) 908-3560 or Mary Smith 423-718-1362 for reservations.

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 25, 2021  
Contemporary Service**

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.

## **PRELUDE**

## **Our God**

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## **WELCOME**

## **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**People: Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,  
**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

## **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.**

## **GOSPEL READING      John 6:1-21**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>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?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>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."

<sup>15</sup>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.

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Elise Anderson**

**SERMON**

**Pastor David Klepper**

**HOD**

**We Are Called**

**ELW 720**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations. Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works.

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations.

We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed.

We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing. Especially do we lift up to you... The family of Sharron Blezzard, The family of Maryann Jackson, Jerry & Patty (Marlene Hiltunen), Jean Painter (Ray Painter's Mother), Sandy Maddox & Michael Pell (Joyce Davis), Bill Phelps (Carol Wilburn), Nancy Gubish (hospice), Shawn & Mark (Marlene Hiltunen), Katy Allison, Bruce & Amy Annear (Fran Balsis), Lynn Ayers (Cree Giesel), Scott Baily (Fran Balsis), Alice Barnett, Colin Bakse (Sondra Hart), Bill Balsis, Bonnie Bean (James Craig), Theresa Bowman, Robert Burns (Carol Hayde)... as well as those whom we name in our hearts or out loud before you now...

We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance.

We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

It is not only right that we give you our thanks and praise, Oh God, it is also our responsibility as your disciples and joy to be able to praise you in all times and places. We praise you for all you have provided for us, but most importantly we thank and praise you for our Savior Jesus Christ, for the salvation and grace we receive because of his ministry, his death, and his resurrection. We sing your praises along with all of the saints who have gone before us; especially those who witnessed your resurrection with their own eyes like Mary Magdalene and Peter. We join in with all the world, with creatures great and small, with angels and saints as we praise your name and join their never-ending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.  
The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.  
**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught: **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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come and see! **Thanks be to God.**

### **COMMUNION**

**I Love to Tell the Story**

**ELW 661**

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**AM:** Let us pray together: **Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING (stand)**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

**Glory**

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**DISMISSAL: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Go in peace, Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.**