

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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9th Sunday after Pentecost

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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.

Welcome to in-person worship!

As we safely transition out of the pandemic protocols, our worship is modified to incorporate the following. We are grateful for your compliance, and hope that you are blessed by God's word and by our hospitality for this morning's worship!

- Please use the sanitizer before and after you touch any surfaces, for your protection and the protection of those who follow you.
- Vaccinated people who are attending worship can choose to do so without wearing a mask. Unvaccinated people, including children age 12 and under, will still wear a mask for the duration of the service.
- Pick up your sealed wafer upon entering the sanctuary.
- Greeters will seat you, either together with household members or 6 feet apart for non-household members.
- Sharing of the peace is contact free with non-household members.
- Humming the tune and meditating on the words of the hymns are encouraged.
- Offering may be given upon entering or leaving the building in designated places in the back of the sanctuary.
- Greeters will kindly guide you outside after the service ends.
- You are invited to congregate, visit and catch up with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ outside following worship.

Restrooms (including a changing table) are located downstairs and are accessed through the lift or the stairway door in the narthex.

GOD GATHERS US

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Prelude

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

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

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

Gathering Hymn

The Church of Christ, In Every Age

(please hum along or meditate on the words)

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.

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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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

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.

⁴²A 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." ⁴³But 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.' " ⁴⁴He 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: Psalm 145:10-18

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

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

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

¹³Your 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.

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

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

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

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

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

The Gospel: John 6:1-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When 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?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One 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?" ¹⁰Jesus 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. ¹¹Then 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. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When 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." ¹⁵When 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.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

see attached file

Hymn of the Day

The Church of Christ, In Every Age
(please hum along or meditate on the words)

3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

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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

Rooted in Christ and grounded in the Spirit, we offer our prayers to God, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, "**You are loving in all your works.**"

A brief silence.

Caring for the church throughout the world, we pray for ecumenical cooperation among the churches; for sustenance for assemblies that have been devastated by the coronavirus; and for insight as congregations resume their local programming. We pray for ELCA Presiding Bishop Eaton, Synod Bishop Macholz, our new synod Bishop-elect Lee Miller, II, and our companion synods in Zimbabwe and Zambia; Pastor Paul Luisi and Concordia Lutheran in Watertown; and our congregation of Holy Trinity.

A brief silence.

Be near to all who call upon you, faithful God: **You are loving in all your works.**

Thanking God for summertime in nature, we pray for fruitful fields and healthy animals; for rain to nourish lands that face wildfires, drought, or excessive heat; and for lakes, especially our cherished Finger Lakes, rivers, and oceans to be free from pollution.

A brief silence.

Be near to all who call upon you, mighty God: **You are loving in all your works.**

Mindful of the family of nations, we pray for all who govern; for Afghanistan, Ethiopia, South Africa, and other nations that are experiencing violence; for Germany and other nations devastated by climate change; for an increase of justice in our nation and around the world; and for the protection of the poor.

A brief silence.

Be near to all who call upon you, righteous God: **You are loving in all your works.**

On this Parents' Day, we pray for all parents, that they find joy in life with their children and resilience for their tasks. And on this commemoration of the apostle James, we pray for those who in his memory go on religious pilgrimages, that they be kept safe in their travels and be drawn ever closer to your heart.

A brief silence.

Be near to all who call upon you, gracious God: **You are loving in all your works.**

Aware of all who suffer, we pray for a world still facing the coronavirus; for persons without employment, or adequate housing, or wholesome meals, or available health care, or the embrace of loved ones. We pray for the residents of Tokyo and for the First Nations of Canada. We pray for all with hidden sorrows; for those who live in fear; for those named on our prayer list, and for all we name here before you...

A brief silence.

Be near to all who call upon you, compassionate God: **You are loving in all your works.**

Grateful for the witness of all who died in the faith, we pray that at the end we join with all the saints to share in your everlasting banquet.

A brief silence.

Be near to all who call upon you, eternal God: **You are loving in all your works.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Unless you are in the same household, please share the peace by either bowing to one another, or placing your hand over your heart as you say the words.

GOD FEEDS US

God invites ALL God's beloved children to be fed at His table of grace. During this time of pandemic, we will share this feast with one another by remaining in our pews. For those who have medical restrictions or other special concerns: the bread is made from wheat flour. We are assured of Christ's full presence in bread alone, as Christ forgives us and strengthens us for the journey ahead.

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.

Words of Institution

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.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

At this time, all may remove the wafer from its protective cover and partake of the Holy Meal.

Prayer after Communion

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.

GOD SENDS US

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

The Church of Christ, In Every Age

(please hum along or meditate on the words)

4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

5 We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Please be seated and wait for the ushers to dismiss you.

Postlude



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Holy Trinity Summer Book Chat 2021
American Dirt by *Jeanine Cummins*

Good News! Our annual Holy Trinity Book Chat and Salad Luncheon will resume this year after a break in 2020 necessitated by Covid 19.

On August 29th, immediately following our 10:00 church service, we will gather to discuss American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins. A pitch-in salad luncheon will accompany the discussion. Details to follow.

In this novel, Lydia Perez, an Acapulco, Mexico bookstore owner and her eight-year-old son Luca become targeted by a drug cartel after Lydia's journalist husband Sebastien exposes the cartel's leader, Javier, who incidentally has become a favorite bookstore client of Lydia's. When Sebastien and 15 other relatives are murdered at a family birthday party, Lydia and Luca must flee to escape the cartel and they instantly become migrants, traveling to El Norte on "La Bestia," the freight trains that head towards the U.S. border through dangerous areas of Mexico. A thriller of a story ensues, with challenges, dangers, and courageous kindnesses experienced along the way.

Registration is requested. Please contact *Gretchen Jeffers* if you plan on attending. You may let her know when you see her at church, or call or email, at 315-567-6137, gjlakeside67@aol.com. Look for a sign up sheet in the entry way of the church.

American Dirt is available through libraries, book stores, and electronic readers.

Gretchen is also interested in hearing more about anyone's experience or knowledge of the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) and how they have assisted immigrants to our country.

Keep tuned in for more information on the pitch-in luncheon.

Celebrations this week:

- **Happy Birthday** TODAY to *Leonard Kloiber*.

News:

1. **Reflections Service at 8am** is offered on Sunday mornings via ZOOM. The interactive service can be accessed by downloading the ZOOM app and then clicking on "join" a meeting and entering the Meeting ID #374 073 8185 and Password 10311517. Prior to attending, please print out the bulletin which is used for the service.
2. The **10am Traditional Service** is held in-person. Reflections at 8am will continue to be offered digitally on ZOOM, along with the emailing and regular mailing of weekly bulletins, sermons, and children's activities, and livestreaming worship from the building on FaceBook, with a recording for website access.
3. The **Skaneateles Ecumenical Food Pantry** reopened on July 1. It resumes regular business hours on Tuesdays 9:30-11:00 am and Thursday evenings 6:30-8:00 pm. Clients will only need to come alone and wear masks as our space is small. Orders will no longer need to be placed on Sundays. The Pantry is open to residents in the Town, Village or Skaneateles School District. For emergencies other than those hours call 315-685-3512.
4. **Council** meets Tuesday, August 3, at 6:30pm in the church fellowship hall.
5. **Holy Trinity Book Chat**, facilitated by *Gretchen Jeffers*, will be held on Sunday, August 29. The book to be discussed is *American Dirt*. Please see the article on the previous page for more information. Mark your calendars now!
6. In grateful response to all **God's many blessings**, please remember to either place your offering in the offering plate before or after worship, or mail it in. Thank you.
7. Please check our website, along with the **synod's website** (www.upstatenysynod.org) for current information throughout our synod.

We remember those in need of prayer. Lord please grant...

Peace and Comfort to the Families of: *Marnie* (Sheila Ryder's friends); *Cora Dove* (Pastor Paula's aunt); *Mike Hartman* (Schwenke's former neighbor)

Healing from Surgery/Injury/Illness: friend of Jason Ryder; *daughter-in-law of Cheryl* (Sheila Ryder's cousin); *Jim Bartlett* (Kathryn Carlson's nephew); *Dave Moczarski* (Pastor Paula's friend); *Pastor Emeritus Steve Hluchy*; *Jenny* (Tom and Gretchen Jeffers' friend); *Peter Pucino* (Herman Hertkorn's friend); *Ferdie Jedik*; *Marjorie Reynolds* (former member); *Helen Dobrovosky*; *Linda Wetherbee* (Scott Braun's coworker's sister); *Jennifer Pink* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Ed and Rob Bilinski* (Lenore Gillmore's father and brother); *Ward Wesley Vuillemot* (*Vuillemot's son*); *Dianne Vitkus* (friend of the congregation); *Sheila Ryder*; *George Schwenke*; *Rick Powers*; *Rick Munson*; *Louise Zabel*; *Dawn Matijas-Czolowski*; *Marian Settineri*; *The Griswold Family* (Vuillemot's friends); *Marike* (June Vuillemot's friend); *Don* (Preschool Director Desiree Franciamone's father); *Shirley Perry*; *Ann Bader*; *Rose*; *Clara Siefka*; *Sylvia Maditsi* (Val Schulz' friend)

Long-term Healing and Comfort to: *Suzanne Rouland* (Schwenke's relative); *Pat Barrie* (Karen Camp's sister-in-law); *The Olsen Family*; *Beverly* (Mary Dobrovosky's mother); *Jim McGowen* (Scott Braun's coworker friend); *The Reeves Family*

Guidance and Wisdom to: All God's people facing persecution and gun violence throughout the world; those protecting the health of Skaneateles, Otisco, and Oswaco Lakes along with all the Finger Lakes; our companion synods in Zimbabwe and Zambia; our ELCA leaders and staff – *Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Synod Bishop John Macholz and Bishop-elect Lee Miller, II; Pastor Paul Luisi and Concordia in Watertown*; and *Pastor Paula, the Council, and lay members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.*

Today's Stewards of Worship

Livestreaming and Recording: *Youngs & Schwenkes*
Organist/Keyboardist: *Barb Mushock*
Greeter/Ushers: *Ryans*
Office Coordinator: *Arlene Johnston*
Pastor: *The Rev. Paula E. Roulette*

All in attendance
Hymn Leader: *Grace Plvan*
Altar Guild: *Arlene Johnston*
Custodian: *Sheila Ryder*
Counters: *Val Schulz*
Pastor Emeritus: *The Rev. Stephen Hluchy*



Holy Trinity Council: Co-Presidents – *Marty Siefka* and *Karen Camp*; Secretary – *Arlene Johnston*; members *Lisa Ryan, Janet Schwenke, Tim Dobrovosky, and Pastor Paula*