

Trinity Lutheran Church

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304 E. Ferris Street Galesburg, IL 61401

"the welcome place"

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Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

+++GATHERING+++

Prelude Let There Be Peace On Earth Jill Jackson, Sy Miller *Marge Olszewski, violin*

Welcome & Announcements - Please Sign Friendship Registry

(Stand)

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm 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 ELW # 522

As We Gather at Your Table

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Sit)

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First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:23-29 (Read responsively by whole verse)

- ²³ So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven,
- ²⁴ raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.
- ²⁵ So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.
- ²⁶ The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind,

- ²⁷ raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
- ²⁸ letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.
- ²⁹ So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

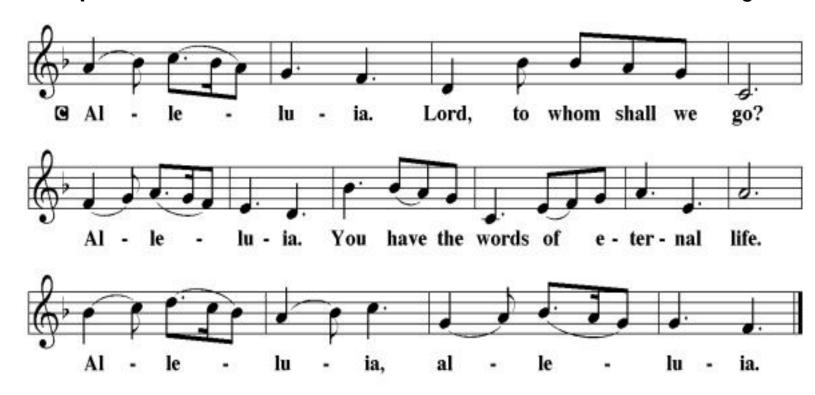
"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

9 (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) 11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. 14 We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. 15 But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: John 6:24-35

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30 So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " 32 Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Sit)

Children's Message

Sermon Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

(Stand)

Hymn of the Day ELW# 485

I Am the Bread of Life

Apostles Creed

Let us join together in the confession of our faith.

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.

(Sit)

Prayers of Intercession

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. In the places experiencing the cold of winter, bring your warmth. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Bread of life from heaven, you feed us. Fill all who hunger with needed nutrition and open our hearts to eliminate hunger in this world. May we see a day when all are fed. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

O Wisdom of truth, help us to understand your will for the church. Be with congregations experiencing transition, redevelopment, and the exciting yet frightening path of newness. May your wisdom be found at every step. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed, especially Bette Nelson. Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you either aloud or in our hearts

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering Music

Eat This Bread

Anne Krentz Organ

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

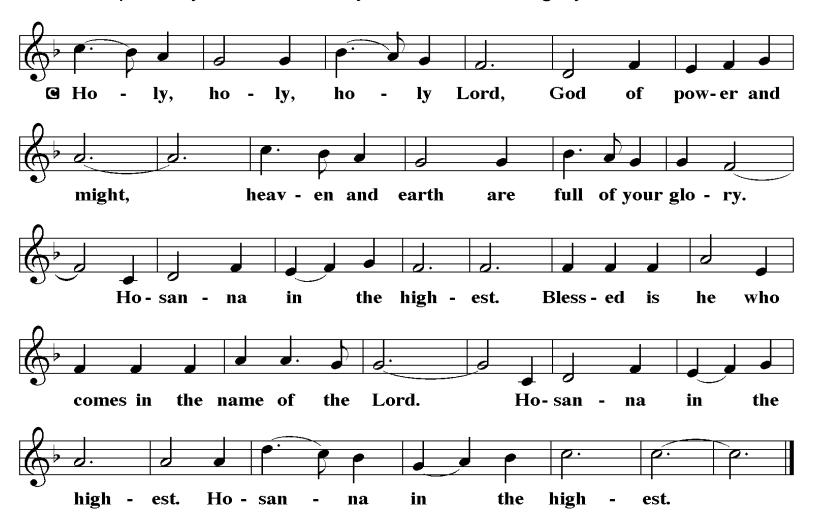
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

The Lord's Prayer

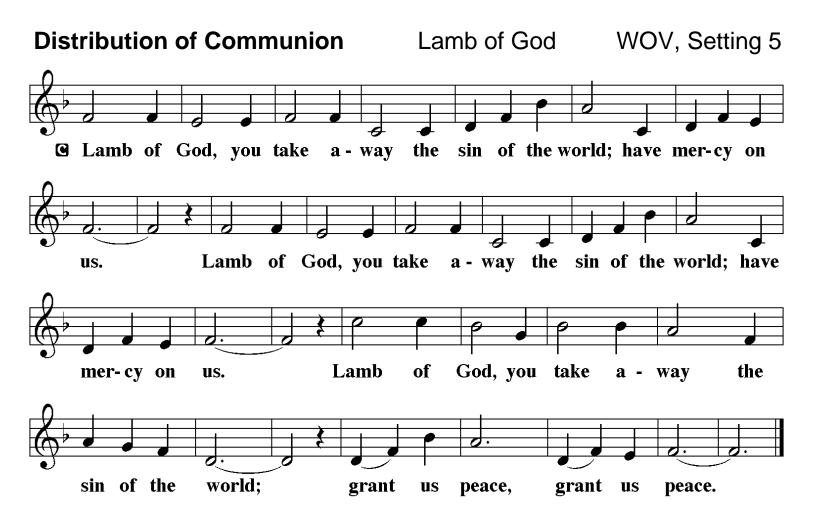
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and come to the altar rail and kneel or stand. Receive the bread. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Place empty cups in the bowls carried by the acolyte. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest at the altar rail. Return to your pew by the side aisles.

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Communion music

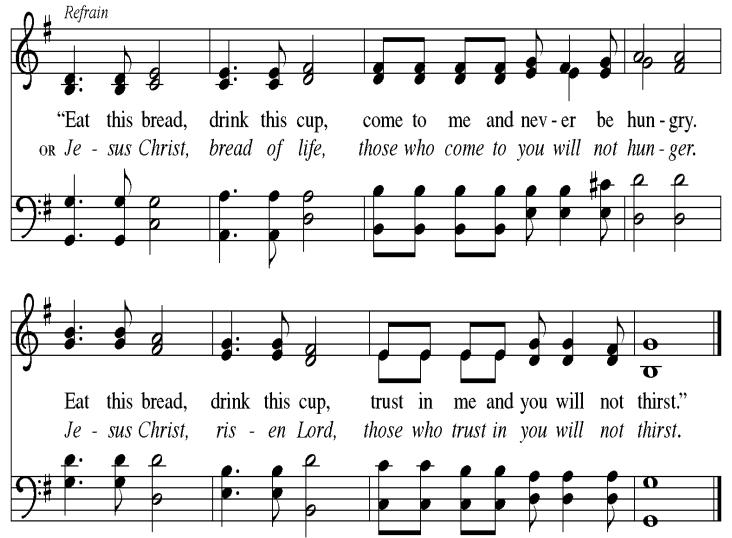
I Am the Bread of Life

Jeffrey Honore

Eat This Bread

Sarah Brakenbury, Cantor Marge Olszewski, violin

Verses are sung by the cantor after the congregation sings the refrain



(Stand)

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.

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Blessing

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

Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW #535

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Postlude Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing Dale Wood

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As you leave, please take a moment to greet one another.

Today's radio broadcast was sponsored by Brenda Patterson, to the Glory of God.

Worship Participants

Audio: Hillary Hoffman

Video: Bill Sime

Ushers: Brian & Jenn Robinson, Harold Watters

Communion Setup: Jenn Robinson Assisting Minister: Carol Simpson

Reader: Julie Wiegand

Wine Servers: Nancy Sandall, John McClean Coffee Fellowship: Layton & Nancy Sandall

Acolyte: Henry Gray, Nick Elders

Closing Duties: Bill Sime Bread provider: Liz Erdahl

Announcements

Coffee Fellowship is immediately after service.

Bread of Life from Heaven

Year B of the lectionary this summer from July 28 through August 25 explores the texts describing Jesus as the Bread of Life. As we celebrate Holy Communion during this time we would like to use different types of bread each week: store bought or homemade, whole loaves or small loaves, French, Italian, whole wheat, pita, Swedish, unleavened or leavened, etc.

We invite you to provide bread for a Sunday! To do so please contact the church office for a date and more information.

Prayer List:

If you or your loved ones need prayer, please fill out a salmon-colored form (found on the bulletin table in the Narthex), and return it to the Office mailbox or drop it in the offering plate.

<u>Name</u> <u>Prayer</u>

Katlin Prayers for healing
Elain Prayers for comfort
Family & Friends of Bette Nelson Prayers for Peace

This Week at Trinity

Sun, August 4 9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

Sat, August 10 5:00 pm Worship Service led by Grace

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday
Cell phone: 618-803-8778
Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191
Hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday-Friday
1st & 3rd Saturdays; Worship 5:00 pm; Holy Communion
Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion
Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook

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Vision Statement Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ

Mission Statement

Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.

Welcome Statement

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome to people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace and love in all the earth.

Our Guiding Principles

- 1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
- 2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
 - 3. We invite and welcome everyone.
- 4. We engage all generations in education and ministry.
 - 5. We serve local and global communities.