



Worship with Holy Communion
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 8, 2021 - 11:00 am

Trinity Lutheran Church
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Pastor Jodi Golden-Lund, Presiding



God Gathers Us In to Worship

Welcome

Prelude

Jan Gibson

Gathering Song

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

ELW 656

Please stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: God, our provider,

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Please stay standing as you are able

Greeting:

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Gracious God,

People: **your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated



God Proclaims His Holy Word

Gospel Reading

John 6:35, 41-51

Pg. 972-973

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

³⁵Jesus 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."

⁴¹Then the Judeans began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; this one has seen the Father. ⁴⁷"Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message

Origin Story

Pastor Jodi Golden-Lund

Song

"O Living Bread From Heaven"

ELW 542

Confession of Faith/Apostle's Creed

Pastor: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

A series of petitions will be offered for the sake of those in need within the church and within the community and world.

Pastor: Lord in your mercy...

People: **hear our prayer.**

Passing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

God Nourishes Us at His Holy Table

Offering Prayer

Pastor: Jesus, Bread of Life,

People: 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.

Please stand as you are able

Words of Institution

Pastor: On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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." And 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

Pastor: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord. Teach us to pray, saying from our hearts:

People: 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

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

Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion

All Christians are welcome to share with us in Holy Communion. The gift of Holy Communion is given by God without condition; therefore, we do not condition who may receive. If you would like to receive Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine, simply do so.

Please stand as you are able

Songs During Communion

*“We Come Now to Your Table”
“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”*

ACS 970
ELW 488

Post-Communion Blessing

Pastor: May these gifts of Jesus' body and blood strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

People: **Amen**



God Sends Us Out To Love and Serve Others

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Jesus, Bread of Life,

People: **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

Benediction and Blessing

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

People: **Amen.**

Sending Song

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW 793

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Jan Gibson

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*Sharing God’s love and grace, we invite, embrace and nurture everyone,
unconditionally, into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.*

Pastor: Pr. Jodi Golden-Lund
Keyboardist: Jan Gibson
Organist: Alice Christianson
Reader:
Ushers: Linn and Karin Wiseman
Servers: Peggy Holt and Carol Bentz
Song Leader: Julie McIntosh
Camera: Andy Buzzelli, Ray Cauwet
Altar Care: Karin Wiseman, Marga Schaeffer
Multi-Media: Dave Hensley

Staff of TLC:

Pastor: Jodi Golden-Lund
Secretary: Audrey Loeffler
Worship Director: Jan Gibson
Organist: Alice Christianson
Choir Director: Dave Hensley

Prayer Requests

New Prayer Concerns

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Stanley (Susan Firestone) - for God's peace and patience as he faces a new cancer diagnosis

Scott (Susan Firestone) - for relief in his back pain

Art and Karen Cardell - for peace and strength through difficult communication

Marcia (Nancy Chadwell) - for perseverance while enduring chemo side effects

Cee Bee (Susan Firestone) - for healing of infection

Colleen Wickeeshem (Carol Baggett) - for God's hand of protection as she deals with serious health problems

Marvin and Carolyn Sharp - for safety and good health during their travels over the next two months

Peggy Holt - for healing and comfort due to health problems

Julie Elston - for continued health concerns

Muriel Josten - for continued healing after knee replacement

Brian Nelson (Scott Nelson) - for continuing health concerns

La Vida Nueva UMC - for God to prosper our partnership in the gospel

The Sierra-Pacific Synod - for wisdom and a spirit of true fellowship in our shared ministries

Foothill Presbyterian - for God's blessing on our partnership with their community

Those unable to worship with us:

June Mowles - Sierra Hills

Avis Lindroos - North Dakota

Phyllis Rengstorf - Kaweah Manor, Visalia



Join us every Sunday!

Bible Study
Worship w/Communion

9:45am
11:00am