

AND HE GIVES



TO THE WORLD

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*Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Trumbauersville, PA*

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9:00am*



## *Tenth Sunday of Pentecost*

*August 1, 2021 9:00am*

\*Indicates when all who are able may stand

Introduction

*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.*

Prelude

How Great Thou Art

Announcements

\*Confession and Forgiveness

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

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**C:** Amen.

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** God, our provider,

**C:** 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.**

**P:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Apostolic Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**P:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

**First Reading**

**Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

**L:** <sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against  
Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>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.”

<sup>4</sup>Then 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.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” <sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>“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.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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.”

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

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

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

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

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>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.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Holy Gospel

John 6:24-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

P: <sup>24</sup>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.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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.”<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?”<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”<sup>30</sup> 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?”<sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”<sup>32</sup> 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.<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”<sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> 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.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Sue Lang

\*Reflection Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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*Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.*

*From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.*

\*Apostles' Creed

P: Living together in trust and hope, let us profess our faith....

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.  
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**

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

*A brief silence.*

**L:** You call your church to be the body of Christ.  
Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide  
for carrying out the work of ministry.  
Where the church is divided, knit us together  
and restore the unity of the faith grounded solely in Christ.  
Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**L:** You command the clouds above  
and cause the wind to blow in the heavens.  
Watch over deserts and wilderness places.  
Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction,  
and strengthen the work of conservation organizations.  
Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**L:** You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people.  
Instill those who govern with patience

when confronted with grievances and perseverance  
in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You draw near to those who cry out for help.  
Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing,  
and accompany those who are imprisoned.  
Rain down the true bread from heaven  
that gives life to the world.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace.  
Make this congregation a place of hospitality  
for those accustomed to rejection.  
To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere,  
prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You dwell with us in this faith community.  
We pray for our leaders especially our Congregation Council  
and Transition Team during this time of pastoral transition.  
Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness,  
that through their leadership  
you may be exalted in this assembly.  
Hear us, O God,

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: For those who serve in all medical and helping professions  
who minister to those sick with Covid.  
Renew their hope and their spirits as they serve  
especially as they see numbers surging once again  
in hospitals.  
Hear us, O God,

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: We give you thanks, O God,  
for all those who serve in the fields of science and research,

especially for those who are working tirelessly  
on solutions for dealing with the pandemic.  
Give them insight as they explore avenues that give us hope.  
Hear us, O God,

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Protect, O God, those who cannot be vaccinated  
due to health conditions or age.

Reassure them of your compassionate love  
as the pandemic surges again  
so they might find their strength in you.

Hear us, O God,

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: 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).

Gary Atherholt	All Military Personnel	Gail Bambu
Dorothy Brinkman	Brian & Cindy Brooks	Ellen Brown
Christ's Lutheran	Dan Clark	Gail DeReiter
Kelly Farrell	Mary Jane Fitzgerald	George Ford
Kevin Fox	Lester Fox	Evelyn Gerhart (Paul)
Paul Gerhart, Sr.	Pauline Gerhart	Tommy Green
Vicky Griffin	Bob Hosier	Tom Karwowski
Kristina Lang	Nora Lynn	Kim Mallery
Walter Orłowski	Gerald Parvin	Jim Patterson
Annabelle Reith	Andrea Reynolds	Mary Roberts
Miriam Schaub	Tim Simmers	Jacob Stauffer
Larry Sweigart	Edee Walters	Doug Whittam
Kimberly Whittam	Mark Wilkins	

Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: You provide food that endures for eternal life.  
Sustain us each day with the bread of life  
until we are gathered with all the saints  
and feast together at your heavenly banquet.  
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
Please share a distanced greeting of peace with one another.

**Offering**

*There are a variety of ways to give  
to the church's ministry during this pandemic:  
Mail or hand deliver your envelopes during office hours  
or use the Paypal link at <http://www.christslutheran.com/worship.html>  
Also give through your purchases at Amazon Smile by designating  
Christ's Trumbauersville as your charity.*

**\*Offering Prayer**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

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

\*Words of Institution

P: 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sharing of the Body & Blood of Christ

\*Post Communion Prayer

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Blessing**

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

**C: Amen.**

**\*Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Closing Hymn**                      **Son of God, Eternal Savior**                      ELW#655 v.1&4

*Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.*

*Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one,  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.*

**Postlude**

**God Be With You Till We Meet Again**

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