

*Jesus proclaimed that he is “the bread of life.”
Although people had trouble understanding the words coming from the
boy they once knew, Jesus’ invitation is clear.
He is the bread of life and we are invited to partake.*

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9:30

Sixth Sunday of Epiphany



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
“Participating in God’s mission of life”
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(All are welcome here)*

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*The mission of God is life. Hope replaces despair. Faith replaces fear. Life
replaces death. How are you participating in God’s mission of life?*

WELCOME

AM: Good morning and welcome to worship. This morning we welcome all guests and persons new to our faith community. Please know we experience you as a gift from God and invite your questions and comments. A special welcome to those of you watching from home or who will be watching later. We're thankful for your participation and invite you to contact us with questions about our ministries or inquire how you might get involved. Trinity welcomes and affirms all persons into full participation in the life of our faith community. Welcome to worship.

GATHERING SONG

Please stand.

 *I Will Sing The Wondrous Story*

Rawley/Prichard

*I will sing the wondrous story, of the Christ who died for me.
How he left his home in glory for the cross of Calvary.
I was lost but Jesus found me, found the sheep that went astray,
Threw His loving arms around me, drew me back into His way.*

*I was bruised but Jesus found me; faint was I from many a fall.
Sight was gone and fears possessed me, but He freed me from them all.
Days of darkness still come o'er me; sorrow's paths I often tread.
But the Savior still is with me, by His hand I'm safely led.*

*He will keep me till the river rolls its waters at my feet.
Then He'll bear me safely over, where the loved ones I shall meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story of the Christ who died for me.
Sing it with the saints in glory, gathered by the crystal sea.*

FORGIVENESS AND CONFESSION

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Merciful God,

Jesus, the Word made flesh, shows us all the ways we fall short. In love, he provides a way out of the holes we've dug for ourselves. Forgive us our sins, and show us how to make better choices. Empower us to be better church members, friends, parents, children, partners, and co-workers. Let Christ's light shine through us, for the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

P: Jesus does, indeed, forgive. Jesus cleanses us of our sin and recreates us in God's image. Receive the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Go, and walk free of guilt, shame, and sin. You are made new! In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day. God of sustenance,

All: ... You sent your son, Jesus, to be living bread for the world. Give us your living bread, that we may consume, and then share your everlasting life with others, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

AM: Please stand.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE with Pastor Tom and Puppet friend

All children are invited forward for a brief message with Pastor Tom

PEACE

Children: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

AM: If you are gathered with friends or family, greet one another with the sign of peace.

WORD

AM: Let us pray... Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you. Bless Linda Dubaniewicz, who will

read to us the scriptures. Make us hunger for the Word of life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L: Through the proclaimed word of God, the Holy Spirit moves to instill and deepen faith.

The gospel according to John.

Glory to You, O Lord.

John 6:35-59

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. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

⁴¹Then the Jews 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; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very 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.” ⁵²The Jews then disputed

among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”
⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

AM: The gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Tom

A moment of silence follows to allow the Holy Spirit to instill and deepen faith in Jesus Christ.

**AM - Please remember to allow a pause before announcing the hymn.*

SONG OF THE DAY

Please stand.

 ***In Christ Alone***

Townend/Getty

*In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.*

*What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.*

*This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.*

*'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again.*

*And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.*

*No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can every pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*

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APOSTLE'S 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 OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. After the words 'Lord, in your mercy' please respond '**Hear our prayer.**'

AM: Bread of life, you offer sustenance that satisfies body, mind, and spirit. Help us to receive your living bread with humility and grace. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

AM: You infuse life into all creation with bread, water, and air. Show us how to provide nourishment to your created things so that our hands mend, not destroy, all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

AM: Adorn your leaders with mercy, truth, justice, and willingness to follow your lead, so that all whom they lead may be fed and filled by their governing. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

AM: Let us never forget all who are suffering from hunger, poverty, homelessness, isolation, neglect, abuse, exile, or torment. Show us how we may bring aid to all who suffer. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

AM: With all your saints we gratefully receive the abundant blessings you have poured upon us. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

P: Feed hurting and broken souls and bodies with your healing bread, especially... Mend all who are in need of your loving touch. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

P: (Here other petitions are offered.) Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

AM: Grateful for your everlasting faithfulness, we lift our hearts and our prayers to you, merciful God, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

OFFERING

AM: Please be seated...When we give a financial gift, we give it not to receive God's forgiveness but in gratitude for it. Give today with intentionality by reminding yourself that God is the source of all that we have. The slide outlines the different ways you can give.

Thank you and thank God for you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

AM: Let us pray:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Pastor Tom

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: 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.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,

uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name.

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.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

With your Holy Ones of all times and places, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.**

P: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Please stand.

There Is A Redeemer

Melody Green

*There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own son.
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

*Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, oh for sinners slain.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

*When I stand in glory, I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

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And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

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DISMISSAL

AM: Go out into the world with passion and great joy. Believe in Jesus
and follow Him!

All: Thanks be to God!