



**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Quarantine**  
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**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

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### **Introduction**

*In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

## Gathering Music

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.**

**We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.**

**We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.**

**We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.**

**We sin in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us;**

**through your love, renew us;**

**and in your Spirit, lead us;**

**so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Opening Music – *Built on the Rock***

- Benjamin Culli

### **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**

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **First Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-5

*God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel*

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

*You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)*

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

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

<sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup>**You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.**

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.

<sup>19</sup>**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;  
you hear their cry and save them.**

<sup>20</sup>You watch over all those who love you,  
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

<sup>21</sup>**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

## **Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5**

*This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises*

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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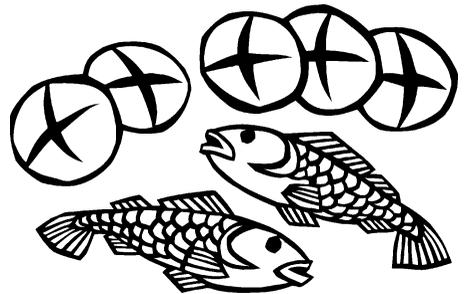
## **Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21**

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles*

The holy Gospel according to Matthew the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to



me.” <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children’s Sermon**

### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn of the Day – *Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

- Michael Ware

#### **The Apostle’s Creed**

**We believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of 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 will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**We 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.**



## **Prayer of Healing**

*Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning...  
Psalm 30*

Almighty and merciful God, you are the only source of health and healing; you alone can bring true calmness and the fullness of peace. Grant to us, your children, an awareness of your presence and a strong confidence in you. In our pain, our weariness, and our anxiety, surround us with your care, protect us by your loving might, and permit us once more to

enjoy health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Prayer for First Responders and Healthcare Workers**

*God is our refuge and our strength... Psalm 46*

God of earth and air, water and fire, height and depth, we pray for those who work in danger, who rush in to bring hope and help and comfort when others flee to safety, whose mission is to seek and save, serve and protect, and whose presence embodies the protection of the Good Shepherd. Give them caution and concern for one another, so that in safety they may do what must be done, under your watchful eye. Support them in their courage and dedication that they may continue to save lives, ease pain, and mend the torn fabric of lives and social order; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Prayers Of Intercession**

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our congregation such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Offering Prayer**

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours,  
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace.

Nourish us through these gifts,

that we might proclaim your steadfast love

in our communities and in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**



## **Blessing**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

**Amen.**

## **Sending Music – *Love in Christ Is Strong and Living***

- Ellen Coman

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Guest Leader</b>	Candace Grzadziel
<b>Deaconess</b>	Andrea Delaney
<b>Organist</b>	Matthew Wahl
<b>Radio</b>	Melissa & Ryan Read

### Special Offerings are given by

<b>Radio Hour &amp; Worship Bulletins</b>	Carol Stafford in celebration of her birthday on August 6
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### Note on Special Offerings:

Please consider sponsoring Radio Hour (\$100), 7-Day Candle (\$8), Bulletins (\$25), or the Newsletter (\$50). **The Radio, printed bulletins for those who aren't online, and Newsletter are vital communication ministries during this time!** Thank you! E-mail [deaconessandrea@holytrinityelgin.com](mailto:deaconessandrea@holytrinityelgin.com) or call the church if you would like to sponsor a week.

### Pastoral Care:

If you need pastoral care please reach out to Chaplain David Rohlwing or Deaconess Andrea Delaney.

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## Announcements

### Donation are needed and much appreciated!

33-gallon trash bags, paper towels, dish soap, hand soap, bank boxes (for archives) and toilet paper can be brought to church anytime and placed in church office! Thank You!

## **Ways to Give to Holy Trinity during Social Distancing**

1. Mail a check to the church
2. Give online through our website: [holytrinityelgin.com](http://holytrinityelgin.com)
3. Give+ through Vanco – sign up on your phone (it's an APP)
4. Simply Giving – call the church to get signed up for a regular offering

## **Outdoor Services of Word and Prayer**

On both **Saturdays, August 8 & 22** a short service of word and prayer will be held outside at 5:00 pm. at Holy Trinity! If you have a lawn chair, bring it along! We will have some chairs set up in the parking lot. In the event of rain the service will be moved indoors and we will be following all protocols issued by the CDC.

Please wear a mask! We will be social distancing during worship, so no shaking hands, hugs, etc.!

## **Thoughts From the Heart**

**Pauses** - By Matt Wahl

During my past 12 years of serving various congregations, I have experienced many different types of services. As a substitute musician, I get to experience church in a way most people don't ever get to. Most people find a church and attend that one for years, perhaps a lifetime without getting out and visiting other churches. For various periods of time, I played for a different church every Sunday. This adds up to many different congregations served, many instruments played, and an endless list of pastors I have worked with. Not only would I get to see how different churches have church, but I would get to work hand in hand so to speak with the leaders of their congregations. While all churches follow the same concept of how a church service should go, you quickly notice similarities and differences between congregations. One of the things I noticed was how some churches feel like clockwork. Pastors may tell you prior to the service "we do not want dead time or silence". If nothing is happening, I was to fill in with music until the next event would occur. One congregation I served was

not happy with the amount of silence there was between the liturgy and start of communion (a mere 5 seconds, as I was specifically told). I never understood why things were rushed all the time, why something always had to be happening. When I asked the pastor why he felt that something needed to constantly be happening, he told me that silence shows uncertainty and unpreparedness – a service with any amount of silence looks sloppy to the congregation. I finally got the answer to my question that I pondered on why services seemed so rushed.

In college, I attended some very moving worship services. They by no means were holidays or special times of the church year, just the average Sunday worship – likely one of the infinite number of Sundays between Pentecost and Advent (June through December). Even when I figured out why these services were so much more enjoyable for me, it was still difficult to wrap my mind around it. These services were not rushed. The liturgy was never just going through the motions. The sermon felt like a nice conversation rather than someone speaking at you. The service wasn't sped through just to get everything in and leave exactly 60 minutes after the service began. The silences and pauses made the service that much more meaningful. You had time to contemplate what was just said and time to prepare for what was next. Church wasn't being hurried just to get everyone out and get the next service started. People weren't panicking when there was 15 seconds of silence between the gathering of the offering and preparation for communion. We were all there worshipping together at a relaxing pace. It didn't feel sloppy as the one pastor once told me, quite the opposite. It felt connecting, bringing all the people worshipping together with the pastor, the music, and to Christ. When I brought this up to one of the pastors that conducted worship in this manor, his response was simply "show me where in the Bible it says church needs to be exactly 60 minutes long, not a minute too early or late. A whole day was set aside for rest and worship". That was a very thought provoking statement to hear. We often times get so stuck in tradition and habits or pointing out the nuances that occur in worship on a weekly basis that we push aside the notion of why we are truly in worship. Next time you are in worship, look for those pauses. Use that time to reflect on your connection with Christ.