

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

11th Sunday after Pentecost

A Joint Service:

St. Philip's Lutheran, Toronto, Ont. Grace Lutheran Church, First South, Nova Scotia Zion Lutheran, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia St. Matthew's Lutheran, Rose Bay, Nova Scotia

August 8, 2021

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

We would like to acknowledge that Grace, Zion and St. Matthew's Lutheran Churches are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 67

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

 ${}^{5}\text{Let}$ the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth its increase;

God, our own God, has blessed us.

May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

"Praise to the Lord", by Ron Klusmeier

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"The Cat", by Jan Hansen and Illustrated by Deborah Pryce

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

GOSPEL

John 6: 35, 41 - 51

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

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "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 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 I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will Your Anchor Hold



Text: Priscilla J. Owens, 1829–1907 Music: WILL YOUR ANCHOR HOLD, William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838–1921

THANKSGIVING

In everything
Give
Thanks.
1 Thessalonians

5:18

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Marcia Powers-Dunlop in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia)

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

"Be Still my Soul", arranged by Cindy Berry

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St. Philip's Lutheran Church

SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek Pastor

Chris Ritcey-Conrad Music Director

Dave Pascoe Videographer

Annette Collins Prelude

The Rev. Rick Pryce Children's Story

The Rev. Paul Gehrs, Preacher

Assistant to the National Bishop

Joint Choir Hymn of the Day

Marcia Powers-Dunlop Prayers of the People

Jim Rouse The Lord's Prayer

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Al Jacksteit, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

PASS THE OFFERING PLATE PLEASE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am.
- The Good Food Market is Wednesday 4-7pm: buy fresh local produce and/or volunteer.
- Volunteer to deliver food boxes for the Neighbourhood Table Program.