

**“Sent to Serve”**  
**This Week’s Theme:**  
11th Sunday after Pentecost  
“Come. Eat. Live.” John 6:35-51

I wonder if Adam and Eve had thoughts about the food they had in the Garden before they were stupid and ruined it all. When they weren’t satisfied with all the food God had given them and wanted more, just one more. Adam lived some 900 years after that horrible day, every year of it spent working for his food - tilling, planting, weeding, harvesting, grinding, baking, toiling under a hot sun with a now uncooperative soil. I wonder if he and Eve ever reminisced . . . about how good it was, how sweet and abundant the fruit, and how they would probably give anything to go back again. To undo what they had done and enjoy that bounty once more. But they couldn’t. Their sin had made that impossible.

Maybe you have some memories like that . . . from your childhood, or another time past, food that your mother or father or grandmother or grandfather made, or from a vacation . . .

So what if you could? What if we all could? Go back. Go back to such food. Or, have food that maybe you never had before and had only heard of - but here’s the offer. Come! Let’s go. I’ll take you there. I’ll give it to you. And you won’t believe it. I cannot even begin to tell you how good it is . . .

Well that’s what Jesus is saying today. The verses in the Holy Gospel are continuing Jesus’ teaching of the crowd after He fed the 5,000 with five loaves of bread and two fish, and after they chased after Him and found Him the next day on the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Last week He told them to stop chasing after food that perishes; food that is here today and gone tomorrow, and that you will eat until you die; post-sin-Adam food. There’s a better food that Jesus

has come to bring. I am the bread of life, He said. Bread that doesn’t just sustain the life you already have, but bread that gives the life you need.

And today we learn more about that as we continue with Jesus’ teaching. He says: I have food for you so that you will never hunger again, and never thirst again. Or in other words, for your every need to be satisfied, as it was in the beginning. I’ve come to bring it to you, and to take you to it on the last day. To take you back home, to Paradise. Your parents were cast out of the Garden, out of Paradise, and into the wilderness. I have come to take you in the wilderness back to Paradise again. Not just to feed you here in the wilderness; not just to make your life a bit more tolerable here, for a time. But to restore what was lost. To take you back again. And then, raised on the last day and restored to what once was, you will never be cast out. For whoever comes to me, whoever comes with me, Jesus says, will never be cast out. I am this bread of life. This is the reason my Father sent me. To give life to the world.

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## August 7, 8 & 11, 2021 Weekly Bulletin

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm



### ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

#### Sunday, August 8

9:00AM Worship in Church & Online

10:30AM Ed. Hour - Online & In Person

#### Monday, August 9

Pastor’s Sabbath

6:00PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30PM Women’s Bible Study

#### Tuesday, August 10

6:30AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30PM Board of Directors Meeting

#### Wednesday, August 11

6:30PM Worship in Church (masks opt.)

#### Thursday, August 12

6:00AM Men’s Bible Study

#### Friday August 13

#### Saturday, August 14

9:00AM Food Pantry

5:00PM Worship in Church & Online

#### Sunday, August 15

9:00AM Worship in Church & Online

10:30AM Ed. Hour - Online & In Person

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### ✠ We Pray For... ✠

Shannon Braun, Rev. Dale Trimberger, Jim Perry, Mona Bahrke, Merry Voigt, Ronald Virchow Sr., Brenda Kempf, Rose Kosloski, Pr. Ronald Meier, Charity Gerard, Ruth Wright, Kari Lindner, Joan Reinke, Tom Drum, Sherry Bricco-Tobin, Michael Hastings, Jim Wittmann, Karleton Borchardt, Merle Webber, Shelly Holewinski, Pastor Michael Ahlemeyer, Dennis Durkey, Joyce Virchow, Pastor Timothy Kinne, Michelle Mahoney, Jeff Dionne, Sue Maynard, Donna Mies, Sally Bolen, Kathy Rigotti, Dianne Olsen, Frank Erdmann, Alan Manteufel, Debbie Manteufel, Shirley Fleischer, Dan Schael, Ann Keller, Jeanne Juve, Walter Brinkman, Jerry Peotter, Lana Gast, Scott Dontje, Sandy Rammer, Scott Steenepoorte, Norb Pomerence, Brooke Schroeder, Judy Krause, and Lynn Olson

### ✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

Ephesians 4:28 – “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.” God gives us honest work to do so that we can be a blessing to others. That’s how so many of God’s blessings go. He gives to us so that we in turn can be a blessing to others. He graciously calls us into the midst of His own work in the world.

## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com) or  
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### Altar Flowers

Given to the glory of God  
by the Altar Guild.

### This Weekend's Banners

"Jesus, the Bread of Life"  
"I Do So Intend by the Grace of God"

### Church Office Hours

Church office hours are 8:00AM-3:00PM

### \$ Current Finances \$

Monthly Income Needed: **\$75,637**  
Income as of August 1: **\$15,935**

### Weekly Bible Study Opportunities:

10:30AM Sunday – "Prayer: We Speak to God" with Rev. Alliet & Rev. Billings (In Person & Online).

10:30AM Sunday – "Daniel a Man of God" with Rev. GeRue.

10:45AM Sunday – Book of Isaiah (Blaine Henkel) (Online).

6:30PM Monday – Women's Bible Study, "Joy: A Study of Philippians" by Deb Burma (Connie Henkel) Large Conference Room

6:30AM Tuesday – Ladies Bible Study, Ten Minute Bible Journey (Dottie Kraus).

6:00AM Thursday – Men's Bible Study, Book of Acts (Steve Reinke).

For more information, please get in touch with the contact person listed above, or let Jean know.

## Lutheran World Relief Help Needed - August 17

All ladies are welcome to join us to assemble our 100 personal care kits and 100 school kits. This will be our main focus for our August meeting. On October 2nd and 3rd the 50 plus homemade quilts will be displayed in church and blessed by our Pastors. These items will then be ready for shipping all over the world. A heartfelt thank you to our Trinity Family who so generously is assisting us in purchasing the items for these kits. A special thank you to our quilting group for the many hours they have spent putting together the beautiful quilts. We are so blessed to be able to do as our Lord commands; to Him be the glory!

### SHARE YOUR GARDEN'S BEAUTY

If you would like to share your gardens beauty, for the altar, please call Elaine Weinig at: (920) 470-9090 or the Church Office: (920) 725-2662.

Or, if you would like to purchase your own flowers for a special purpose, please call the Church Office (920) 725-2662 and let either Jean or Mary know.

You would need to let the office know by Tuesday of the week you would like to bring in your flowers, so we can put it in the bulletin.

You may drop the flowers off in the office on Friday afternoon!

### Altar Flower Donations

If you wish to donate flowers please contact the office. The cost of providing altar flowers is \$25.00.

## Trinity Camping Weekend

Trinity Camping weekend is August 20-22 & will again be held at Wild West Campground & Corral. They are located 8 miles west of Waupaca on Hwy 54. Check them out at <http://www.wildwestcampground.com>.

Wild West Campground offers horseback riding and trail rides. All trail rides are led by a friendly and experienced trail guide. We have a great group of sure-footed horses perfectly suited to anyone's ability. [www.wildwestcampground.com](http://www.wildwestcampground.com).

New this year: Reservations are now taken online. Go to their website and place your reservation today.

Not able to camp with us? Then join us for the day on Saturday with a potluck meal around 3:00 pm. The campground does not charge a fee for guests to visit. Question? Contact Roger or Merry Voigt, at (920) 725-9908 or [rwvoigt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rwvoigt@sbcglobal.net).

### Prayer Chain

Barbara Kester is head of the Prayer Chain. If you desire prayers for yourself or someone else, please call Barbara at (920) 722-3228.

### Trinity's Food Pantry

On any given month, we provide up to 100 orders of both perishable and non-perishable foods and household items to families that are in need through our Food Pantry. Your continued support of Trinity's Food Pantry, through food and monetary donations, is a blessing to so many. We thank you!

Our needs change throughout the year. Currently we are in need of the following non-perishables: Canned Fruit (always needed), Tomato Soup & Chicken Noodle Soup, Jelly/Jam. If you or someone you know would benefit from the pantry, call Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

Please check your Church Mailbox

### Holy Communion

We ask that those desiring to commune be members in good standing of Trinity or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If you have questions regarding this, please speak with one of the Pastors.

### Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer, a devotional book, is \$.75 each. Please let the office know if you wish to purchase one.

### SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church/School Office Mon.– Fri. from 8:00AM-3:00PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

How to Order Scrip? Call the office Mon.– Fri., 8:00AM-3:00PM, or email your order to: [ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com](mailto:ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com). They will put it together.

Check out "RaiseRight" electronic Scrip! Contact the office for details.