

One Lord, one faith,
one baptism

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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 A.M. & 9:30 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: 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.

Prayer: *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. Amen.*

GATHERING MUSIC (9:30 Service)

Christine Oetama

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In the Acts of the Apostles we read that as the church was gathered, often in the homes of believers, Christians devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and community, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers.

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we gather at your table to know you in the breaking of the bread.

God invites us to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

HYMN #339

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread (9:30 Service)

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus said: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, but we fear the Spirit's power.

Let us confess our slowness to embrace the new life of the Spirit.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Trusting in God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us; that we are slow to serve you, and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions, and by your Spirit draw us together. Enflame us with a desire to do your will and be your faithful people; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (9:30 Service)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE PSALTER

Psalm 78:23-29

Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven; he rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven. **Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance. He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind;**

He rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas; he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings. **And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry, whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

All that we have is yours, O God. What we present for the church's use is no sacrifice. We are privileged to share good news in word and deed. May our common ministry be extended by the time and talents and treasure we invest. We would no longer live just for ourselves but for the realization of your reign among us. Let all things become new as we give our best. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We give you thanks that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

COMMUNICATION

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.

(You are invited to partake of the elements)

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.

Your mercy is great.

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. **Your mercy is great.**

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. **Your mercy is great.**

O God, our provider, you nourish us with holy food and drink, and you open our hearts to the needs of others. Refresh us with your Spirit, that our words and deeds may proclaim your creative and life-giving Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

HYMN #322

The Church's One Foundation

(9:30 Service)

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

In Christ, we are a new creation.

Our dried-up faith has received new life.

We will seek to view others as God sees them.

We will claim them as sisters and brothers.

You are the body of Christ! May you be strengthened with the power of God, the love of Christ, and the help of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SENDING MUSIC (9:30 Service)

Christine Oetama



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Anita Rohrer** in honor of Elene Keares and her upcoming 16th birthday.

The Worship Aids & Baptismal Font Flowers & are given by **Jacqueline H. Hoover** in loving memory of my loving husband, V. Howell Hoover.

Greeting Ushers: **Dave Connor**, Hank Fox, Bob Bistline, Paula Dennes, Denise Huggins (9:30)

Lector: Rev. Jack Esbenshade (8:00), Marge Burger (9:30)

Building Trustee: Hank Fox

Happy Birthday!

Today – Paige Martin

Monday – Ron Denlinger, Rev. Thomas Busteed

Wednesday – Carole Connor, Donald Huber, Elene Keares

Thursday – Larry Brown, Kelsey Minnich Burgo

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: The church office is open Monday-Friday from 9 AM-2 PM. Carol will be away August 2 & 3. She will be in the office on August 4.

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor Rankin and family will be on vacation from August 4-8. The Rev. Margaret Rohnacher (recently transferred her membership to Trinity) will be covering pastoral emergencies during this time. You can reach Rev. Rohnacher at (717) 575-9311. The Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen will be preaching next Sunday.

THE JULY/AUGUST PARISH POST is available on both floors of the church building.

DEVOTIONALS: The July-September edition of *These Days* can be found on both floors of the church building.

PRESCHOOL SUB COUPONS: We have about 20 more S. Clyde Weaver sub coupons to sell for the Trinity Preschool fundraiser. The cost is \$8 per coupon. You can call Carol in the church office or email the preschool at preschool@trinityeastpete.org to order your coupons.

MISSION PROJECT: The VBS Mission Project is Schreiber Center For Pediatric Development. Anyone can give through their envelopes or online giving and specify Schreiber to participate in making donations. Please make checks payable to Trinity.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Cathy Hoshauer, Don Huber, Nancy Enders, Mike Wagner, Pat Miller, Nancy Patton, Gary Reynolds (friend of Mike & Shelley Wagner), Jackey Hoover, Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser, Phyllis Zimmerman, Donna Zirkel, Dave Connor, Linda Brown (sister of Mike Wagner), Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong), Jose Arroyo (husband of Sandy & George DeLong's niece), Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley), Meghan Gillerin (granddaughter of Dorie Altmanshofer), Jaimie & Aurora Commero (friends of Sarah Paulukow), Mark Zody (friend of Denise Huggins), Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards), John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law), Carl Roth (Gretchen Leinbach's brother), Scott Summers, Ron Rogers (Jamy Shelly's stepfather), Rev. Frank Lantz, Lainie Christensen, Sandra Englert (niece of Betty Tyndall), Charles & Betty Booraem, Emma Nissley (sister of Jane Starr, Nancy Patton, and Pat Miller), Betty Tyndall and family, Virginia Schoffstall (grandmother of Kayla Brennan), David Potts (neighbor of the Himelwrights), Dorothy Fasnacht, Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law), Doug & Mary Lou Shaab, Bob & Marlyn Wible, Lily Kilgore & family, Barry Moore (Donna & Ron Denlinger's brother-in-law), Sam & Rosemary Minder, Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig), Judy Wisniewski (sister of Chuck Husted), Elaine Sturgis (friend of Sue Husted), Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman, Doris Leaman, Kelsey (Minnich) and Tom Burgo, Judie Bistline, Hilma Slechta, and the Bonilla-Rodriguez family (friends of Trinity Church).

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS: We are looking for worship volunteers at the in-person worship services:

Greeters/Ushers: To welcome worshippers at the door and to seat them in the sanctuary (9:30 a.m. service only)

Lectors: Assist with the worship service or to just read the scripture lessons at the 8:00 a.m. and/or 9:30 a.m. services.

Please contact Pastor Chris or Carol Kratz if you are willing to volunteer.

THE 2021 WORSHIP AIDS & CHANCEL FLOWERS: You can either contact the church office or use the website under resources to sign-up for flowers and worship aids for 2021! Worship Aids dates available are: **August 22, September 12, 19 & 26.** Chancel Flowers dates available are: **September 12, 19 & 26.**

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SALLY BRIGHT will be held at Trinity Church on August 21 at 11 a.m. Look for more information in the coming weeks.



Sign-up sheet is on the table across from the church office or you can respond using the electronic version that Carol already sent via e-mail!

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

As we continue to resurrect community again the life of our church, Pastor Rankin is inviting members to have lunch outside at the back of the building on August 11 from noon-1 p.m. You bring your own lunch and enjoy the fellowship with your fellow church members. If there is inclement weather, we will go into Isenberg Hall where we will keep appropriate distance. Hope to see you there!



Mt. Gretna Tabernacle

MT. GRETTA BIBLE FESTIVAL 2021

All Programs are in the Historic Tabernacle • 3rd St. & Glossbrenner Ave.

Parking GPS Address: 41 Boulevard St, Mt. Gretna PA 17064

Please visit MtGretnaTabernacle.org for any program cancellations.

A freewill offering will be received at each program.

Summer at the Tabernacle | Worship, Speakers and Concerts

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE Updates will be posted on our website and Facebook page

MASKS REQUIRED at all programming in the Tabernacle during the 2021 Season.

All programs will conform to strict CBC Guidelines. Visit our website for updates.

Friday programs will be simulcast via the website and on Facebook

August 1 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Lancaster British Brass Band Directed by Dr. Stephen Arthur Allen. 28 instrumentalists from PA, MD, DE, and NJ play brass, winds and percussion instruments. They are accomplished professional performers and teachers.



August 4 Wednesday 7 p.m. Hymn Sing

Music of the Gaithers Hymn Sing led by Rev. Bob Kettering and Dr. Rod Shearer.

August 8 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

National Christian Choir directed by Kathy Bowman. Founded in 1984. The choir is called to glorify God through a unique ministry of music which draws people into a new and deeper relationship with Him.

August 15 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

Men in Harmony directed by Nathan Minnich. An all volunteer men's chorus of 20+ voices. Their musical repertoire includes sacred, classical, gospel, spirituals, hymn tunes, and patriotic songs.

August 22 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

The Susquehanna Chorale One of the premier choral groups in the nation, directed by Linda Tedford, makes its traditional late summer appearance. Sponsored by University Music Service of Hershey



August 29 Sunday 7 p.m. Concert

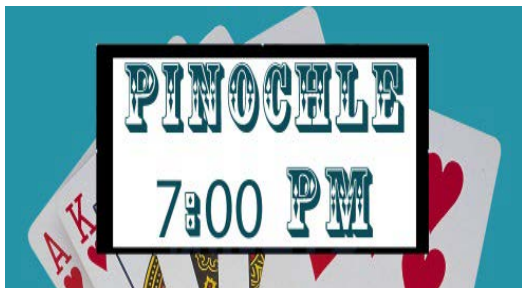
QuintEssentially Brass A quintet with engaging personalities and sparkling instrumental performances ends another season.



October 2

Saturday 2 p.m. Concert

The Massed Choir Composer Lloyd Larson will direct over 100 voices in a joyous Saturday afternoon concert. Sponsored by Losers Music Inc. and Cornwall Manor



PINOCHLE FELLOWSHIP: Mark your calendars now because the Pinochle Fellowship will meet again on September 10th at 7:00 PM. Look for more information in the September Parish Post. Speak with Karen Olley for more information!

THANK YOU: A special thank you to all who helped with, donated to, and attended VBS.



Historic Churches of Lancaster City

September 22, 2021
8:15 am - 2:15 pm



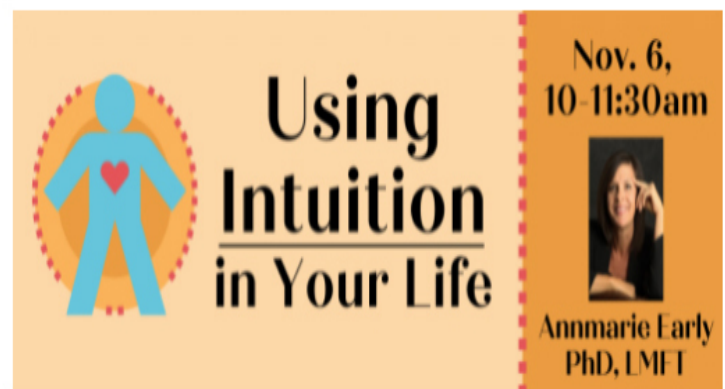
The Path Between Us: Enneagram Conference with Suzanne Stabile

October 8, 2021 - October 9, 2021
6:00 pm - 5:00 pm



Becoming Your Best Self: Introduction to the Enneagram

September 25, 2021
9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Using Intuition in Your Life

November 6, 2021
10:00 am - 11:30 am

Members and friends of Penn Central Conference-

Because perseverance is so difficult, even when supported by the grace of God, thence is the value of new beginnings. For new beginnings are the life of perseverance. – E.B. Pusey (1800-1882)

Doing new things can be scary; change can be hard. New beginnings may be uncomfortable, upsetting, and anxiety-provoking. New beginnings can also be exciting, eye-opening, and encouraging. You know the cliché: “when one door closes, another opens.” Focusing on outdoor ministries in Penn Central, let’s adapt it slightly: “when one camp closes, other camps open.” Sometimes going thru that new door -- or to that new camp -- is the only option. And so, we have...and here we are...in partnership with Camps Nawakwa and Kirchenwald, The Wittel Farm, and Camp Mount Luther...persevering in new beginnings.

At the same time though, persevering in the new does not mean deleting the past. Memories, experiences, and relationships are held and shared. Last month, as I was walking with my son on the path to his cabin for his first week of camp at Nawakwa, we heard someone yell over, "Hey, you're from Hartman Center!" We looked over and recognized this person as an SST from several years ago. Even in this new place, Jacob immediately recognized Zach and, even in his Nawakwa staff t-shirt, Zach recognized Jacob. We were welcomed and felt like we belonged.

The partnership between camp-as-we always-knew at Hartman Center and the camps-that-we-are-getting-to-know is one that allows for the comfort of what is familiar and the challenge of what is new. As we are guided by the past and supported by the grace of God, we are able to make our way in the wilderness and the streams (Isaiah 43:19). Based on that Isaiah passage, the theme for summer camp at Hartman Center in 2013 was All Things New. That theme could be adopted again this year as we consider the ministry programs in new places, with new people, and in new ways.

The invitation to participate in opportunities at the Lutheran camps and facilities has been extended to every member of Penn Central. Many have found interest in programs already: retreats; the Growing Project; open houses; worship; work days; and the Earth Day celebration. And right now, in this summer season, there are staff, volunteers, and campers from PCC at all of the sites. Where do your interests, abilities, and ideas fit into outdoor ministry? I hope you find an enthusiasm (or at least a willingness) to explore the possibilities.

Yes! Outdoor ministry and camp programs are taking us to new places and opening up new options! How are these new beginnings giving us the chance to persevere? What experiences can be had? What ways can the partnership with our Lutheran friends be strengthened? What ideas can individuals, churches, and Conference groups explore to make use of these facilities? I encourage you to welcome what is before us so that wonderful new beginnings continue to come and so that what is becoming will continue to grow. I pray you find comfort in knowing that going to summer camp, on a retreat, and to other programs in God's creation -- even in new places -- still offers something unique, something special, and something inspiring.

-Anne Rankin, Facilitator for Outdoor Ministries



CHURCH COVENANT IN THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC

As an individual who attends Trinity United Church of Christ I covenant to work with my fellow church members, family and friends to keep our community safe and healthy.

I covenant to. . .

Wear a face mask (if not vaccinated) as a symbol of love and care for others.

Sit six feet apart from others, leaving room for God to work in the in-between spaces.

Clean up after myself in the spaces I use because germs are everywhere I go too!

Honor and respect the sacredness of each person in this space and to stay home if I don't feel well, knowing God is with us wherever we are, whether inside or outside the walls of the church.

Work together with my church family in creating a safe and healthy space to gather for worship, fellowship, or church activities as one body, united in God's love.

Acknowledge the hard work ahead, and the commitment to care for one another.

Together, we as the church, covenant to care and love one another in new and different ways as we:

- Share God's love with our community
- Serve God's children
- Bring healing and wholeness to those in need
- Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study

RALLY DAY: For this year's Rally Day, we are able to make recordings and put them together to create a video of the Rally Day play, "A Wrinkle In Time," (by Morgan Gould, from the book by Madeleine L'Engle), which can be streamed for one day, September 12. Conditions permitting, our intentions are to also have a showing of the recording on a screen at church, either outside or in the social hall at 9:00 AM, on Sunday, September 12. So, our plan is to schedule two, hopefully in-person, recording sessions, hoping to get as much recorded in succession as possible to reduce the amount of editing needed. Anyone interested, please contact Dina Slechta to receive a script and a role to begin rehearsing in advance, at home.

Some Possible Recording Session Dates (Expecting to only use 2 of these.): **August 23** – Evening **August 25** – Evening
August 28 - Morning

List of Roles Available (You don't need to be these ages to play these roles, just letting you know who the characters are.):

Meg - pre-teen or young teenage girl, one of the main characters

Charles Wallace - five year old younger brother, extremely intelligent, one of the main characters

Mother - beautiful scientist, mother of the four children

Mrs. Whatsit - zany, larger than life, ethereal being/angel

Mrs. Who - thoughtful, kind, ethereal being/angel, loves to study great artist, philosophers, and recites lots of quotes in various languages.

Mrs. Which - ethereal being/angel phases in and out of reality, drawn out speech

Calvin - teen boy, athlete, cares for Meg tenderly

Red-eyed Man - evil administrator

Father - scientist, father of the four children

Little Boy Who Drops Ball - young boy who doesn't conform

The following may want to be Ensemble Members in addition to reading these lines:

Teacher - One line near the beginning

Postalworker - One line near the beginning

Bully - One line near the beginning

Dennys - 10 year old twin brother, one line near the beginning

Sandy - 10 year old twin brother, one line near the beginning

Camazotz Mom - fearful, suspicious mother

Ensemble Member - May act in various capacities to create the illusion of wind, trees, animals, tables, walls, etc. May chant or exclaim, or create other background sound effects.

AUGUST 1, 2021

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PROPER 13

FIRST LESSON. 2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a

SECOND LESSON. Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 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. 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. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 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.

GOSPEL. John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 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. 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." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 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? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" 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. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 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.

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