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.

**GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together

**PRELUDE**

Largo e spiccato (Concerto in D minor)  
J. S. Bach

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ☩ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*The assembly kneels as they are able or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**GATHERING SONG**

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor  
BRYN CALFARIA  
HYMN 475

1 Lord, en-throned in heav’n-ly splen-dor, first be-
2 Though the low-liest form now veil you as of
3 Pas-chal Lamb, your of-f’ring, fin-ish-ed once for
4 Life-im-part-ing heav’n-ly man-na, strick-en
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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE
Glory to God

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Music: BRYN CALFARIA, William Owen, 1814–1893
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PRAYER OF THE DAY  (sung by the presiding minister)

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. Sit
FIRST READING  
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God’s saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

2 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3 The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

4 Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” 10 And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. 11 The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

PSALM  
Psalm 78:23-29

God rained down manna from heaven;
so mortals ate the bread of angels.

23 So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,
raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven. R

24 So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.

25 The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,
raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

26 letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.

27 So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved. R
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.

1 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. 8 Therefore it is said, “When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”

9 (When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)

11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 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. 14 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. 15 But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

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.

After the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

24 When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” 26 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. 27 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.” 28 Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” 29 Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” 30 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? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” 32 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. 33 For the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

35 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.”

After the reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON  sit

Pastor Martha S. Jacobi

HYMN OF THE DAY  stand

O Bread of Life from Heaven  O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN  HYMN 480

You continually feed Your people, Lord God, not with what we want but with what we need. You give us bread to nourish our bodies. You also feed our souls with our Savior, the true bread from heaven. Give us gratitude for Your gifts. We thank you, O Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION  stand

You may share your intercessions by posting online. People with long term prayer needs are:

Girma, Jimmy, Clement, Katie J., Alan, Katie, Mickey, Robert L.,
Audrey, Wanda, Timothy, Sue, Carole, Mary, Hirity, Dale

Calm your hearts as we find our rest in God and pray for others.

silence

You continually feed Your people, Lord God, not with what we want but with what we need. You give us bread to nourish our bodies. You also feed our souls with our Savior, the true bread from heaven. Give us gratitude for Your gifts. We thank you, O Lord.
We pray for your bountiful earth, for cleaner air, for the fields on which our food grows, for the renewal of lands and waters that have suffered. We lament the fires which have ravaged the state of California. By the strength of Your arm, protect Your earth, creative God: help us, O Lord.

You establish civil government to be a blessing. To Your mercy, then, we commend our president, our Congress, our justices and magistrates, and all who serve the public in any way. Keep them honest, fill them with wisdom and uphold them in every good deed. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all people who are incarcerated, in prison. Heal brokenness, cure addictions, and provide for their needs. Comfort them in despair, restore their hope, and protect them from abuse. Remember Your mercy, O God. We magnify your name.

We pray for all in need of healing, for those who feel lost or alone, for the people of Haiti, for outcasts, for the sick and in need, especially…

Marie, Tom, Helen, Justin, Zarah, Oscar and Linda, RJ, the family of Anne Marie Michael, Adrien. We lift other persons to you now aloud or silently within our hearts...

We beseech You, merciful God: help us, O Lord.

We come as a people tossed to and fro by the manifold changes of this mortal life. Help us to know, in You, that which is eternal, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

All now greet one another with a sign of Christ’s peace.

God gives us a foretaste of the feast to come
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

…we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes:

… be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

OUR FATHER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
We confess joyfully that the Body and Blood of Christ are truly present in the Sacrament under the forms of bread and wine. We invite all baptized and communing Christians to join us. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received either by drinking from the cup or by dipping the bread into the wine. Anyone not receiving communion is welcome to come and receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest when you reach the pastor. After receiving communion return to your seats by the side aisles. Gluten free communion bread is available by asking the pastor.

Although those worshipping at home cannot receive communion with us now, we invite you into a moment of closeness with Christ. By desiring the sacrament, it is your faith expressing itself. Allow Christ’s love to surround you. Feel his grace, giving you hope. Today you are united with us, and to Christ.
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION  

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

SENDING  

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

BLESSING  

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  

☩ be upon you now and forever.  

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  

sit
1 Glor  i  ous things of you are spo  ken, Zi  on, cit  y
2 See, the streams of liv  ing wa  ters, spring  ing from e-
3 Round each hab  i  ta  tion ho v'ring, see the cloud and
4 Sav  i  or, since of Zi  on’s cit  y I through grace a

of our God! He whose word can  not be bro  ken
ter  nal love, well sup  ply your sons and daugh  ters,
fire ap  pear for a glo  ry and a cov’ring,
mem  ber am, let the world de  ride or pit  y.

formed you for his own a  bode. On the Rock of A  ges
and all fear of want re  move. Who can faint, while such a
show  ing that the Lord is near. Thus de  riv  ing from their
I will glo  ry in your name. Fad  ing are the world’s vain

found  ed, what can shake your sure re  pose? With sal-
riv  er ev  er will their thirst as  suage? Grace which,
ban  ner light by night and shade by day, safe they
plea  sure, all their boast  ed pomp and show; sol  id

va  tion’s walls sur  round  ed, you may smile at all your foes.
like the Lord, the giv  er, nev  er fails from age to age.
feed up  on the man  na which God gives them on their way.
joys and last  ing trea  sure none but Zi  on’s chil  dren know.

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DISMISSAL
Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
Sarabande
G. F. Handel

Please leave in silence for those who remain to enjoy the Postlude
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, visitors! Saint Luke’s pleased to welcome visitors from near and far. We pray that your worship with us will be a rich experience. Please sign our Guest Registry in the Narthex. Stay connected with Saint Luke’s – enter your email address when you sign our Guest Registry.

Using this Worship Bulletin and the Red Hymnal: Page numbers are located on the bottom of the pages in the first part of the Hymnal. Hymn numbers are located at the top of the pages in the rest of the Hymnal.

Restrooms:
- Ladies: use the restroom outside the Narthex near the elevator.
- Men: use the 2nd Floor restroom.
There is a water fountain next to the elevator.

Birthdays and special Occasions this coming week: Lori Mahl (8/4), Lara Tillotson (8/7), Annmarie Errico (8/9), and the Wedding Anniversary of Linda and Timothy Voss (8/9)

We welcome and thank Greg D’Agostino, our Guest Organist, for being with us today.

Our Spanish Worship Service is held every Sunday at 1:00 pm. The worship team invites you to come experience the language and the special music.

“Finding Our Way Home,” tonight, Sunday, August 4 at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. You’re invited to an evening of spiritual exploration and growth. Held in our Sanctuary, each gathering uses meditative, live music as the backdrop for guided conversation and creative writing. Our facilitators are jazz musician Mr. Ike Sturm and the Rev. Dr. Debbie Bronkema. This is a special opportunity for you to experience spiritual growth through new avenues with trusted ministers. There is no cost.

Saturday, August 10th, 6:30 pm, The Staten Island FerryHawks vs the Hagerstown Flying Boxcars, followed by fireworks. We’re excited to announce this next Summer Activity! A minor league baseball game, and we’d love for you and yours to join us! Location: Staten Island University Hospital Community Park (just off the ferry), overlooking the Manhattan Skyline. Take the subway to South Ferry and then the ferry to Staten Island. Tickets: only $13. We have a group of seats together. It’s a good opportunity for fellowship, fun, and some old-fashioned ballpark excitement. Whether you’re a lifelong baseball fan or just looking for a great way to spend time with your church family, this event is for you! We’ll enjoy the game, share some laughs, and create wonderful memories together. Please RSVP by August 7th so we can ensure we have enough tickets for everyone. You can email Pastor at pastor@stlukesnyc.org to RSVP or use the Sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board.

Ice Cream Social and Appreciation of our Summer Interns: Sunday, August 18 during Fellowship Hour. What better way to share Fellowship together than with an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social? Cool down with us and enjoy some tasty frozen treats and delicious toppings. We’ll also salute and hear about the projects our four NYC Summer Youth Employment Program Interns have helped us with this summer.

Our Soup Kitchen is open every Tuesday and Thursday, offering hot take out lunches from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. Stop by when you are available to help.
This Week at Saint Luke’s

TODAY — August 4th
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 am   Service of the Word
11:00 am   Sung Eucharist
12:15 pm   Fellowship Hour
1:00 pm    Spanish Worship Service
            Servicio de adoración en español
5:00 pm   “Finding Our Way Home”

MONDAY — August 5
8:00 am  Morning Prayer on Facebook Live

TUESDAY — August 6
8:00 am  Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
1:00 to 2:00 pm  Soup Kitchen

WEDNESDAY — August 7
OFFICE CLOSED
8:00 am  Morning Prayer on Facebook Live

THURSDAY — August 8
8:00 am  Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
1:00 to 2:00 pm  Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY — August 9
8:00 am  Morning Prayer on Facebook Live

SATURDAY — August 10
6:30 pm  Staten Island FerryHawks baseball game

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 11, 2024
Service of the Word at 9:30 a.m.
Sung Eucharist at 11 a.m.
Spanish Worship Service at 1:00 p.m.
Next Sunday’s Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51
Christ, the bread of life

Saint Luke’s is a “Reconciling in Christ” congregation.
We welcome all who are seeking God’s love, regardless of race or culture, economic or life situation, sexual orientation or gender identity, or your doubts about faith and church. Our unity is in Christ. Your family, children, spouses and partners are welcome. Your uniqueness enriches our community.

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