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13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

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.

WELCOME

PRAYER

PRELUDE

"We Come to You for Healing Lord"

arranged by AKO

BIBLE BUNCH

WORD

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

GOSPEL

John 6: 56 -69

The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them,

“Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Simple Gifts (Shaker Melody, arr. Patricia Sanders Cota)

Handbells Quartet

THANKSGIVING

*In everything
Give
Thanks.
1 Thessalonians
5:18*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LORD'S PRAYER

In French this week – pray in your own language.

SENDING

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

HYMN

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

arranged by Cindy Berry

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

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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
Sophia	Land Acknowledgement
Meranda Phannenhour	The Bible Bunch
Aline Kouhi-Klemencic	Reader
The Bishop Michael Pryse	Sermon
Handbells Quartet	Hymn of the Day
Ellen van Rensburg-Gallipoli	Prayers of the People
Dr. Nora Klemencic	The Lord's Prayer

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Nicolas and Kate Savage on the birth of their daughter, Peyton Kristine, on August 5, 2021. Congratulations also to Aunt Emily and great grandparents, Rev. Dr. Bob and Bev Binhammer!

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.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

SAVE THE DATE: Labour Day outdoor in-person service, September 5 @ 10:00 am.