



Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast

August 4, 2024

“Communion Sunday: The Bread of Life”

“Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.” (Ps. 107:8-9, NIV)

*“...it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven...I am the bread of life... my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life...”
(see John 6:32-40)*

Sunday August 4 is a communion Sunday at the Chapel and our theme for this Sunday is the meaning of the phrase “the Bread of Life.” Our Psalm for Sunday is **Ps. 107:1-22**, which speaks of God’s provision and deliverance and is scripture which helps us to reflect on the life-giving spiritual nourishment Jesus offers. The Gospel reading this Sunday, **John 6:32-40**, is part of the “Bread of Life Discourse” found in verses John 6:22-59, in which Jesus explains the metaphor of bread and its connection to eternal life.

Sermon Summary: “The Bread of Life and Spiritual Nourishment” Jesus declares, “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35). This statement is more than a metaphor; it is an invitation to deepen our relationship with Christ and to recognize the sustenance He offers us, not just for our bodies, but for our souls.

In John 6:22-59, Jesus speaks to a crowd that had followed Him after the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. They sought Him out, hoping for more physical food. But Jesus, discerning their hearts, directs them to seek something far greater—spiritual nourishment. He says, “Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life” (John 6:27).

In this discourse Jesus introduces Himself as the true bread from heaven, sent by the Father to give life to the world. His words were challenging to His listeners then, and they continue to challenge us today. But, they also invite us to shift the focus of our lives from the temporal to the eternal, from the physical to the spiritual, from worldly things to God.

Raquette Lake Chapel History: Have you ever noticed the small wooden cross that sits on the organ or on a railing near the pulpit? This was made by Jr. High students in the shop in the basement of the old school in Raquette Lake in 1955: Dick Beckingham, Tom Beckingham, Bob Waldron, and George Aldous. Their “supervisors” at the time were Bill Brandt (the principal) and Lyle Buck. Their names are on the bottom of the cross’s base. *[Information provided by Tom Beckingham of Raquette Lake]*

Prayer Box: *Pray for the souls of Kay, Christopher, and James M; pray for healing and comfort for Margo and Bill, Justin and his family, Barbara, Danielle, Linda, Elizabeth, Joyce, Debbie, John C, Joe, Holland, Steve, Gail, John H, Mia, Patti, Florence, and John P; pray for all those suffering from severe weather; pray for first responders; pray for an end to the divisiveness our country; pray for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine.
Lord, hear our prayers!*

