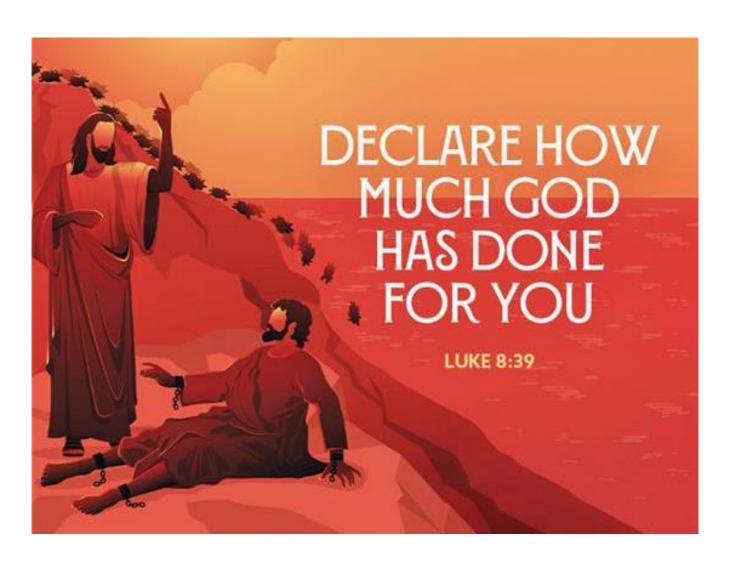
Sharing the Bread of Life

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

June 22nd, 2025 Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 AM



Worship Leaders for Today:

Presiding Minister: Minister Tim Geistlinger

Cantor: Paul Rupprecht

Assisting Minister: Joanne Haeberlin Technical Specialist: Michael Lindahl

Sacristan: Nancy Crivello

Acolyte: Richard Beck

Introduction to the Day

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

Old Testament: Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

Psalm: Psalm 22:19-28

In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. (Ps. 22:22)

New Testament: Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

John the Baptist

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

Friday, June 27, 2025

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444

Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

Second Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

PRESIDING MINISTER: In the name of the Father,

and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Presiding Minister: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

We keep silence for reflection.

Merciful God,

ALL: you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,

and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life.

Amen.

Presiding Minister: You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

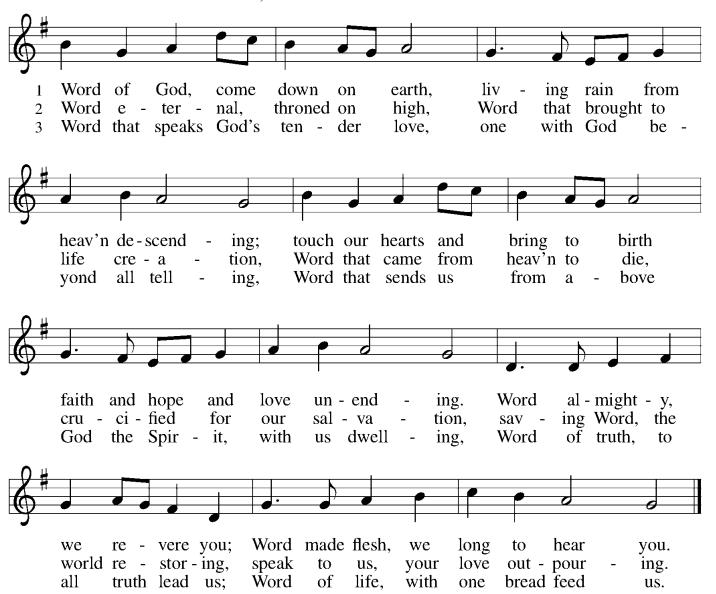
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

ALL: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: #510 Word of God, come down on earth



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Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673

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GREETING

PRESIDING MINISTER: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presiding Minister: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 65:1-9

ASSISTING MINISTER: A reading from Isaiah.

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"

to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long

to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat swine's flesh,

with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,

says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains

and reviled me on the hills.

I will measure into their laps

full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,

and they say, "Do not destroy it,

for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake,

and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,

and from Judah inheritors of my mountains:

my chosen shall inherit it,

and my servants shall settle there.

PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28

But you, O Lord, be not far away;

O my help, hasten to my aid.

Deliver me from the sword,

my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth!

From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

I will declare your name to my people;

in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

You who fear the Lord, give praise All you of Jacob's line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;

but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

For dominion belongs to the Lord,

who rules over the nations.

NEW TESTAMENT: Galatians 3:23-29

ASSISTING MINISTER: A reading from. Galatians.

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

ASSISTING MINISTER: Word of God, word of life.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit.

GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

Presiding Minister: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—
²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they

were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him

Presiding Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please rise in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #843 Praise the one who breaks the darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib er at-ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in car nate: Christ, who suf fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in to sight. praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand; Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

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PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ASSISTING MINISTER: Please feel free to unmute yourselves to join in these prayers of the people. Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence (areas in crises may be named). When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick, especially:

(pause as members of the community name those in need of God's clear presence)

Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: And for what else do the people of God assembled here pray or give thanks?

(pause as members of the community raise thanks and concerns either muted or unmuted)

God of grace,.

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith, especially:

(pause as members of the community raise up the names of the blessed dead in whose communion we remain)

Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

ALL: Amen.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY LITANY

ASSISTING MINISTER: It is Birthday Sunday! We thank God for the gift of life.

ALL: We thank God for those people whose birthdays we celebrate this June:

Sandy Waterhouse, Dan Gooris, Jennifer Alvarado, Betty Johnson, Burgunde Pucher

ASSISTING MINISTER: Are there any other June birthdays?

We sing our birthday greetings...

Happy Birthday to you,

Happy Birthday to you,

Happy Birthday and God bless you,

Happy Birthday to you!

ASSISTING MINISTER: Life is precious.

ALL: We are grateful for all these precious people.

ASSISTING MINISTER: May God bless them in this time and through all the days of their lives

ALL: We are glad that God has brought us together in this world.

ASSISTING MINISTER: We are enriched by those in our lives, our families, our church, and our community.

ALL: May we always be open to seeing God in others.

ASSISTING MINISTER: May we always follow God's leading into the future.

ALL: Thanks be to God for the gift of life. Amen.

PEACE

Presiding Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you always.

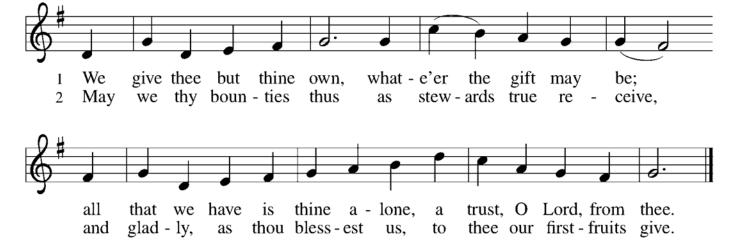
ALL: And also with you.

OFFERING

In thanksgiving for all God has given us we offer the first fruits of our labors for the mission of the church and the care of those in need. In addition to giving in our offering plate, you are welcome to give in one of two ways: 1) By mailing your gift to St. Timothy's at 9000 Kildare Ave, Skokie, IL 60076; or 2) By giving online via the OR code in the back of the bulletin or the link on our website: sttimothyskokie.org.

Presiding Minister: We worship God with our offering.

OFFERING SONG



OFFERING PRAYER

PRESIDING MINISTER: Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace

along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

ALL: Amen.

EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presiding Minister: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Presiding Minister: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

Presiding Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

PRESIDING MINISTER: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts

and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,

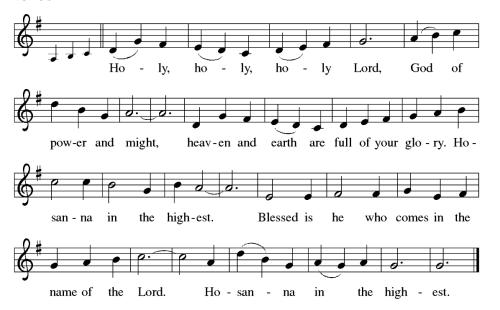
that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven.

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



PRESIDING MINISTER: Holy God,

our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,

in the harmonious world of your creation,

the plants and animals,

the seas and stars

were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,

you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his acts of healing,

his body given up,

and his victory over death,

we await that day when all the peoples of the earth

will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:

as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,

so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,

that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDING MINISTER: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together as Jesus taught us:

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presiding Minister: Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

COMMUNION

TABLE DISMISSAL

Presiding Minister: And now may the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep

you in God's grace.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presiding Minister: Mothering God,

you gathered us to your table

and we drank deeply of your grace.

Send us out by your Spirit

to love our neighbors as ourselves

and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

ALL: Amen.

Please rise in body or spirit.

BLESSING

Presiding Minister: The love of God abound in you;

the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;

and the life of the Spirit

+ bless you and give you peace.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: #798 Will you come and follow me





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Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

ASSISTING MINISTER: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Guess the hymn

IN OUR PRAYERS

You are invited to pray for those listed throughout the week using this or another prayer:

Living God, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing, especially (*speak names here*). When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sunday

John and Nancy Lang, Phillip DeRosa, Louise Nygard, Brian and Jackson Siegel, Susan Prichodko, Bill Yeager, Jim and Laurel Nelson, Pat Flaherty and Sandy Waterhouse, The Family of Michael Rapp, Paul Luke, Irene Hildner

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Esther Hildner	Martilias Porreca	Elaine Morgan
Marci Stanley	Janet Johnson	John Fergus
John Stanton	Susan Jensen	Michael Halliwell
Robert Skillen	Jennie Ramirez	Marlene Hawkins
Russon and Gloria Brown	Linda and Paul Wold	Joanne and Colin Haeberlin
John Kueter	Eileen Cooney	The family of Simon Kerslake
Bob Miller	•	The family of William D. Murphy
Thursday	Fuidov	Catuuday
Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Thursday Christine Haeberlin	Friday Jim Henderson	Saturday Liam Hansen
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Christine Haeberlin Jan Karp	Jim Henderson David Hooseholder	Liam Hansen Sheila McDiarmid
Christine Haeberlin Jan Karp The Family of Maisa Abudayyeh	Jim Henderson David Hooseholder Phil and family	Liam Hansen Sheila McDiarmid The Family of Joseph Pucher
Christine Haeberlin Jan Karp The Family of Maisa Abudayyeh The Family of Rosita Cueva	Jim Henderson David Hooseholder Phil and family Lynn Tomey	Liam Hansen Sheila McDiarmid The Family of Joseph Pucher Bill Maki

NOTE: We are happy to include friends and loved ones. Please contact the church office to renew or add a prayer request, or to let us know it is time for a prayer of thanksgiving.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, JUNE 22nd TO JUNE 28th

Sunday 10:30am Worship/ Birthday Sunday (Minister Tim Geistlinger)

11:30am Fellowship

Monday 7:00pm Zumba

Tuesday

Wednesday 7:00pm Zumba

Thursday

Friday 9:45am Sack Lunch

Saturday 5:00pm Summer Worship with the Glenbrook Parish

Assisting Minister: Joanne Haeberlin

NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, JUNE 29th TO JULY 5th

Sunday 10:30am Worship (Rev. John Lang)

11:30am Fellowship

Monday 7:00pm Zumba

Tuesday

Wednesday 7:00pm Zumba

Thursday Friday Saturday

Assisting Minister: Sara fox

SAVE THE DATE

Sack Lunch

Come and join us for our next Sack Lunch opportunity on Friday, June 27th in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am! For more information, please reach out to Janice Skillen or call the church office at (847) 676-1300.

Hospitality Team

Are you looking for a new way to serve? Consider joining our Hospitality Team, which provides the refreshments for fellowship hour after worship every Sunday! There are plenty of opportunities to serve! To learn more and sign up, call the church office.

A Message from Global Refuge

Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services) received a stop-work order from the government calling for us to immediately stop serving the nearly 6,000 newly arrived refugees in our care. These children and families fled war, violence, or persecution and came to the United States through the official U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. They arrived with little more than the clothes on their backs and rely on the initial assistance Global Refuge provides for urgent needs like housing, food, healthcare, finding work, and enrolling their children in school. Your gifts are the only way we can assure that refugees in our care can access the essential resources promised to them. Provide critical support to newly arrived children and families today at globalrefuge.org/withrefugees.

God's Work Our Hands

The Glenbrook Parish congregations

Ascension, Gloria Dei, Holy Trinity and St. Philip have common plans for God's Work Our Hands, Saturday, September 6, 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. "Feed My Starving Children," Libertyville.



Summer Worship with the Glenbrook Parish Saturday, June 28, 5 p.m.

The Glenbrook Parish gathers for worship with communion at St. Philip Lutheran Church, 1609 Pfingsten Road, Glenview.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

Summer Worship with the Glenbrook Parish Saturday, July 26, 5 p.m.

The Glenbrook Parish gathers for worship with communion at Lutheran Church of the Ascension, 460 Sunset Ridge Road, Northfield.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

God's Work Our Hands Saturday, September 6

More information is coming soon!

*The Glenbrook Parish includes ELCA neighbors, Ascension (Northfield), Holy Trinity (Glenview), Gloria Dei (Northbrook), St. Philip (Glenview), and St. Timothy (Skokie) Lutheran Churches

God's work. Our hands.



SAVE THE DATE

The Glenbrook Parish congregations will come together for this ELCA-wide day of service.

Feed My Starving Children (Libertyville) Saturday, September 6 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.



http://www.fmsc.org/join-group?joincode=EK1WL5



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