

Sharing the Bread of Life
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

July 5, 2020
10:30am



Worship Leaders for Today

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Introduction to the day

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

Introduction to the First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."

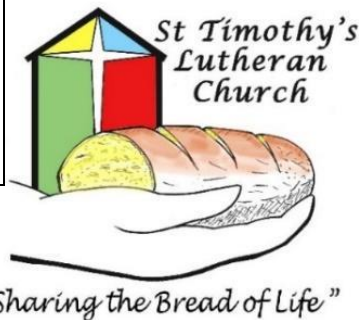
Introduction to the Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

Introduction to the Gospel: Matthew 11:16-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

Note: To make the sanctuary at St. Timothy's a welcoming, safe, and comfortable place for all we will refrain from communal singing and speaking in unison during the service. You are welcome to follow along in your bulletin as God continues to address us through the printed words penned by our forbearers in faith.



Pentecost 5

The assembly stands.

GATHERING SONG: #822 Oh, sing to the Lord (v. 1, 2)

1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

2 For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.
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Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

The assisting minister introduces the first reading.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

A reading from Zechariah

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

The assisting minister reads the psalm for the day.

PSALM 145:8-14

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.
All your works shall praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.
They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,
that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, Lord, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in all your works.
The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The assisting minister reads the psalm for the day.

SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from Romans.

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew: 11:16-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁰ Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent. ²¹“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²²But I tell you, on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴But I tell you that on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands as the word of God is proclaimed in music.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #799 Come, follow me, the Savior spake (v. 1, 2)

1 "Come, follow me," the Savior spake,
"all in my way abiding;
deny yourselves, the world forsake,
obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide;
take my example for your guide."

2 "I am the light; I light the way,
a godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day;
I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show
how you should sojourn here below."

The assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for the. Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those who have died in faith especially Peter and Paul, Apostles, Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators, Thomas, Apostle. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If joining us in the sanctuary, you are invited to share the peace with a reverent bow to your neighbors and the words, "Peace be with you."

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

Please mail offerings into the main office at 9000 Kildare Ave. Skokie, IL.

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.
Amen.

POSTLUDE: #404 Come, gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove (v.1, 3)

1 Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly dove,
with light and comfort from above.
Come, be our guardian and our guide;
o'er ev'ry thought and step preside.

3 Lead us to Christ, the living way,
nor let us from his pastures stray.
Lead us in holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

BRIEF DEVOTION WITH PRAYER LIST

Living God, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing, especially (*speaking 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		
Liam Hansen, The Family of Bette McDade, Bob Kallas, Rose Graunke Tim Swenson, The Family of William Tucker, Colin Haeberlin and Paul Dayton		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Lori and Austin Kiser David Householder Kathy Fergus Andrea and Charlie Family and Friends of Ross Family and friends of Harold Just Marilyn Douros	Chris Devona Jr. Chris Devona Sr. Esther Hildner Debra and Jason Sloan- Zielinski Clint, Ethan, Caroline, and Bebe	John Farmer Maddux Gooris Christine Haeberlin Leimer Family Tom and Jean Olson Christy and Josh Bailey- Green Jan Wright
Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Marilyn Hooper Susan Jensen Carolyn Herman Dick Herman Emmy Treganza Kathleen McGill	David Nygard Mary Beth Roth Robert Burke Bobby Scott Dorothy Brown Dick and Joan Nelson	Charlie Perryman Emma Creskoff Lydia Sanderson George Talbot Robert Norrstrom

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THIS WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, JULY 5TH TO JULY 11TH

Sunday 10:30am Worship / Brunch with Jesus
 11:30am Fellowship

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Assisting Minister(s) Joanne Haerberlin

Counters

NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, JULY 12TH TO JULY 18TH

Sunday 10:30am Worship
 11:30am Fellowship

Monday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Assisting Minister(s) Pat Ruth

Counters

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Join us for coffee hour outside or over Zoom following the service.
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