

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

August 16, 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: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

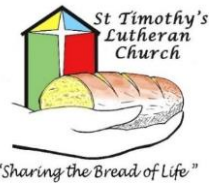
Introduction to the Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

Introduction to the Gospel: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

Pentecost 11



The assembly stands.

GATHERING SONG: #853 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (v. 1, 3)

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work
and defend you;

surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

We do not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

PSALM 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us;

may the light of God's face shine upon us.

Let your way be known upon earth,

your saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise you, O God;

let all the people praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the people with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

Let the people praise you, O God;

let all the people praise you.

The earth has brought forth its increase;

God, our own God, has blessed us.

May God give us blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Romans.

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Amen

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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: #642 Where True Charity and Love Abide (3X)

Where True Charity and Love Abide

Where true charity and love abide,
God is dwelling there; God is dwelling
there.

The assisting minister invites the assembly into prayer.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, cities, and town, and for those who need your healing . Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation (St. Timothy's Lutheran Church) grace to find our life refreshed in you. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission in your name. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints especially Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153 , join us also with them on the great day of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY LITANY

We thank God for the gift of life.

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

Sue Lindahl

Are there any other August birthdays?

We sing our birthday greetings...

*Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday and God bless you,
Happy Birthday to you.*

Life is precious.

We are grateful for all these precious people.

May God bless them in this time and through all the days of their lives.

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

We are enriched by those who come into our lives, our families, our church, and our community.

May we always be open to seeing God in others.

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

Thanks be to God for the gift of life.

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. 60076

The assembly stands.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

DISTRIBUTION

Distribute the bread to those in your household saying, "The body of Christ given for you." Then distribute the cup to those in your household saying, "The blood of Christ shed for you."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the welcome table,
in this meal we have feasted on your goodness
and have been united by your presence among us.
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

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.

SENDING SONG: #886 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v.1, 6)

- 1** Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
- 6** To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord" - H.W. Stolze/Rupprecht

FRIENDS IN CHRIST, PAST AND PRESENT

Thursday August 20

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.

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, Bob Kallas, Rose Graunke Tim Swenson, Colin Haerberlin and Family of Evelyn Ekstrom		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Lori and Austin Kiser David Householder Kathy Fergus Andrea and Charlie Family and Friends of Ross Nancy Whitney 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 Haerberlin 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 Robert Norrstrom

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THIS WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, AUGUST 16TH TO AUGUST 22ND

Sunday	10:30am	Worship
	11:30am	Fellowship
Monday		
Tuesday	6:30pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

Assisting Minister(s)	Bruce Hildner
Co-Host	Sandy Waterhouse
Counters	

NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, AUGUST 23RD TO AUGUST 29TH

Sunday	10:30am	Worship
	11:30am	Fellowship
Monday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		Sack Lunch
Saturday		

Assisting Minister(s)	Pat Ruth
Co-Host	Janice Skillen
Counters	

SAVE THE DATE

Friday	August 28 th	Saint Tim's will be serving Sack Lunches in Evanston. Keep this ministry in your prayers or talk to a member of the team to see how you can assist.
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