

# *Sharing the Bread of Life*

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

May 9, 2021

10:30 AM



*Worship Leaders for Today*

Presiding Minister: Kim Beckmann

Cantor: Paul Rupprecht

Assisting Minister: Joanne Haeberlin

Co-Host: Janice Skillen

## **Introduction to the day**

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

### **Introduction to the First reading: Acts 10:44-48**

The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles

### **Introduction to the second reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

The victory of faith

### **Introduction to the Gospel reading: John 15:9-17**

Christ the friend and lover

## **Friends In Christ, Past And Present**

### **Sunday, May 9, 2021**

#### **Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760**

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

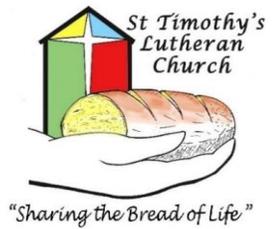
### **Friday, May 14, 2021**

#### **Matthias, Apostle**

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

# Sixth Sunday Of Easter

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## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We are refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font. The presiding minister gives thanks.*

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.  
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.  
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.  
Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.  
To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism*

## GREETING

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**ALL: Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!**

**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.**

**GATHERING SONG:** #367 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds (v. 1)

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## THE WORD

**First Reading:** Acts 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**PSALM: 98**

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,  
**whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.**

O Lord, you have made known your victory,  
**you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
**all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
**lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
**with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
**shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
**the world and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands,  
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness  
**and the peoples with equity.**

**Second Reading:** 1 John 5:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY: #343 My song is love unknown (v. 1-2)

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| <p><b>1</b> My song is love unknown,<br/>my Savior's love to me,<br/>love to the loveless shown<br/>that they might lovely be.<br/>Oh, who am I that for my sake<br/>my Lord should take frail flesh and die?</p> | <p><b>2</b> He came from his blest throne<br/>salvation to bestow;<br/>the world that was his own<br/>would not its Savior know.<br/>But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,<br/>who at my need his life did spend!</p> |
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## PRAYERS

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church. Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches. Bless our congregation and leaders at St. Timothy as we consider the gifts of the past upon which we rest, and your call to us in the future you hold for the mission of the gospel in our community.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, the earth praises you. The seas roar and the hills sing for joy. Fill the earth with your love so that by their song, all creatures of land and sea and sky, burrowing and soaring, may call us to join with them in praise.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Provide for those needing homes or medical care and point us towards life-changing responses to these needs in our own communities. Be present with the dying and hold in love those who are sick or suffering especially those we name aloud or in our hearts (*A brief silence as we name those for whom we hold concern*).

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives. Keep us united with them in your lasting love.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

**PEACE**

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** 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. Mailed to St. Timothy's at 9000 Kildare Ave, Skokie, Il. 60076.*

## EUCCHARIST

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE FOR EASTER

Holy, living and loving God...  
... We await your promised life for all this dying, world, and for this we pray together  
Come, Lord Jesus! **Come, Lord Jesus!**

Now breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup....  
...And for this we pray together Come, Holy Spirit! **Come, Holy Spirit!**

... Through our Savior Jesus... both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
**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:** The risen Christ invites us to this table.  
Come, eat and be satisfied.

### DISTRIBUTION

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** This is the body of Christ, given for you  
*You may share the bread with any in your household saying these words.*

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** This is the blood of Christ, shed for you  
*You may share the cup with any in your household saying these words.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND DISMISSAL FROM THE TABLE

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** May the body & blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## RECOGNITION OF ANY SPRING GRADUATES

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG: #539 Abide, O dearest Jesus (v. 4-5)

**4** Abide with richest blessings  
among us, bounteous Lord;  
let us in grace and wisdom  
grow daily through your word.

**5** Abide, O faithful Savior,  
among us with your love;  
grant steadfastness and help us  
to reach our home above.

### DISMISSAL

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE:** Variation on the sending hymn - Joh. Gottfried Walther

## BRIEF DEVOTION WITH PRAYER LIST

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

Family of John Nygard, Liam Hansen, Tim Swenson, Liz Nygard, Jim Nelson, John and Nancy Lang, Caitlin Presberg, Richard Cramer, Jeff Johnson

### Monday

Nancy Whitney  
Marilyn Dourous  
Amy Prichodko  
Elizabeth Stanley  
Dennis Thomas  
Dave Lindahl  
Janet Johnson

### Tuesday

Chris Devona Jr.  
Chris Devona Sr.  
Esther Hildner  
Debra and Jason Sloan-  
Zielinski  
Clint, Ethan, Caroline, and  
Bebe

### Wednesday

John Farmer  
Maddux Gooris  
Christine Haeberlin  
Leimer Family  
Jean Olson  
Jan Wright

### Thursday

Susan Jensen  
Carolyn Herman  
Dick Herman  
Emmy Treganza  
Kathleen McGill  
Friends and Family of  
Wayne R. Viereck

### Friday

David Nygard  
Mary Beth Roth  
Robert Burke  
Bobby Scott  
Dorothy Brown  
Dick and Joan Nelson

### Saturday

Emma Creskoff  
Robert Norrstrom  
Elaine Morgan

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, MAY 9<sup>th</sup> TO MAY 15<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday 10:30am Worship  
11:30am Fellowship  
Monday  
Tuesday 6:30 pm Executive Committee council agenda planning  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday

**Assisting Minister(s)** Joanne Haeberlin  
**Co-Host** Janice Skillen

**NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, MAY 16<sup>th</sup> TO MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Sunday 10:30am Ascension Sunday  
Worship  
11:30am Coffee hour with conversation on the story of St. Timothy and its pastoral leaders  
Monday  
Tuesday 6:30pm Council Meeting  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday

**Assisting Minister(s)** Joanne Haeberlin  
**Co-Host** Sandy Waterhouse

**SAVE THE DATE**

- *Friday May 28, 2021 Sack Lunch 9:45am*

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