

Sharing the Bread of Life

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

September 19, 2021

10:30 AM



Worship Leaders for Today:

Presiding Minister: Kim Beckmann

Cantor: Paul Rupprecht

Assisting Minister: Jan Karp

Co-Host: Betty Johnson

Tech Deacon: Michael Lindahl

Introduction to the Day

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

Introduction to the Second Reading: James 3:13, 17-18, 4:1-3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

Introduction to the Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

Friends in Christ, Past and Present

Monday, September 20, 2021

Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)

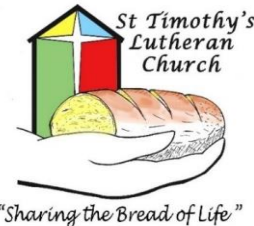
A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRESIDING MINISTER: *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

ALL: Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

ALL: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

PRESIDING MINISTER: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

ALL: Amen.

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.

GATHERING SONG: #587 As we gather at your table (Tune: 522) (v. 1-2)

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| <p>1 As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.</p> | <p>2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.</p> |
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

ASSISTING MINISTER: Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE WORD

First Reading: PSALM 54

Save me, O God, by your name;

in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God;

give ear to the words of my mouth.

For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,

those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper;

it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me;

in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice

and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble,

and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Reading: James 3:13, 17-18, 4:1-3, 7-8a

^{3:13}Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁷The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

PRESIDING MINISTER: The holy gospel according to Mark.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the

greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

PRESIDING MINISTER: This is the Gospel of the Lord,

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: #781 Children of the heav'nly Father (v. 1-2, 4)

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| 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given. | 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them. | 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy. |
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PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

ASSISTING MINISTER: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray both muted and unmuted, for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country.

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. As our call committee continues its work on the site profile, help us begin to welcome the one still unknown to us, but known to you, who will come among us as our next pastor. As our core team begins training in the Reconciling in Christ process, help us all to intentionally deepen a true welcome that affirms the gifts of LGBTQIA+ siblings. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. You draw near to all those who cry out for help, especially these we name before you muted, or unmuted.

(pause as either muted or unmuted, members of the community raise up prayers for those in need)

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

And for what else do the people of God pray or give thanks?

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

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today their beloveds,

(pause for those we name muted or unmuted)

even as we pray for all who enjoy your eternal light. Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

PRESIDING MINISTER: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY LITANY

ASSISTING MINISTER: We thank God for the gift of life.

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

Bruce Hildner, Dave Lindahl, Valerie Nelson

Are there any other September 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

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.*

PRESIDING MINISTER: We worship God with our offering.

ASSISTING MINISTER: Let us pray:

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.

In all our offerings, and at this table to which you invite us, we pray:

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest, and let these gifts to all be blessed.

Feed us with your living bread, that all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRESIDING MINISTER: The Lord be 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.

PRESIDING MINISTER: Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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 life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.
And for this we pray: Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

ALL: Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

And for this we pray: Amen! Come, Holy Spirit!

ALL: Amen! Come Holy Spirit!

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: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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: The eyes of all wait upon you O Lord and you give them their food in due season.

ALL: You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

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: For all assembled here today, may God who loves you be truly present with the Spirit of Grace, Mercy, and Joy. And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ASSISTING MINISTER: Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

BLESSING

PRESIDING MINISTER: People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
bless you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING SONG: # 543 Go, my children, with my blessing (v. 3)

3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

ASSISTING MINISTER: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Fugue - Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow (Händel's teacher)

Music Notes

781 Children of the Heavenly Father



Author: Caroline Wilhelmina Sandell Berg (Sweden, 1832 - 1903), is better known as Lina Sandell, the "Fanny Crosby of Sweden." Lina Sandell Berg was the daughter of a Lutheran pastor to whom she was very close; she wrote hymns partly to cope with the fact that she witnessed his tragic death by drowning. Many of her 650 hymns were used in the revival services of Carl O. Rosenius, and a number of them gained popularity particularly because of the musical settings written by gospel singer Oskar Ahnfelt. Jenny Lind, the famous Swedish soprano, underwrote the cost of publishing a collection of Ahnfelt's music, *Andeliga Sönger* (1850), which consisted mainly of Berg's hymn texts. - The Hymnary



Translator: Ernst W. Olson (b. Skane, Sweden, 1870; d. Chicago, IL, 1958) prepared the English translation for the 1925 Hymnal of the Lutheran Augustana Synod. As editor, writer, poet, and translator, Olson made a valuable contribution to Swedish-American culture and to church music.

His family immigrated to Nebraska when he was five years old, but he spent much of his life in the Chicago area. Educated at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, he was editor of several Swedish-American newspapers and spent most of his professional career as an editor for the Augustana Book Concern (1911-1949).

Olson wrote *History of the Swedes in Illinois* (1908). He also contributed four original hymns and twenty-eight translations to *The Hymnal* (1925) of the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod and served on the committee that produced the *Lutheran Service Book and Hymnal* (1958).

FALL BIBLE STUDY SURVEY

As the time of refreshment and deepening our faith in summer “porch sitting with Jesus” gives way to falling leaves and pumpkin spice everything, we turn to the books... of the Bible. We are ever more curious about what God is up to in our world and our life!

Please complete and Return to the church office to let us know of your interests in fall Bible Study.

1. I would be interested! (circle one) Yes / No
2. I would prefer: (circle one) a. A bible study that gives us a context for our Sunday readings, with a clear sense of how these readings impact our world today and the way we live our lives.
b. A bible study where you bring a favorite psalm and ask us all to explore it
3. I would be available for (circle all possible – though we will settle on one)
 - a. Tuesday morning study
 - b. Wednesday morning study
 - c. Wednesday evening study



7 PM 10-9-2021

KATHERINE



PEDAL TO THE
METAL - WATCH
OUT! SHE WILL
GRAB YOUR
HEART AND SOUL
WITH HER
CLASSIC FOLK!!

RONDEAU

11-13-2021 TRET FURE

2021-2022

2-12-2022 TBD

3-12-2022 FRICTION FARM

4-9-2022 JOE CROOKSTON

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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 (*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

Family of John Nygard, Jim Nelson, John and Nancy Lang, Jonathan Steiner

Monday

Esther Hildner
Elizabeth Stanley
Jeff Johnson
Gina Topor

Tuesday

Janet Johnson
Susan Jensen
Dennis Davis

Wednesday

Elaine Morgan
John Fergus

Thursday

Christine Haerberlin
Bobby Scott

Friday

Jim Henderson
Richard Hobbs

Saturday

Nancy Whitney
Liam Hansen

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, SEPTEMBER 19th to SEPTEMBER 25th

Sunday 10:30am Worship - Birthday Sunday
11:30am Fellowship
Monday Pastor Kim's Day off
Tuesday 6:30pm Council Meeting
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday 9:30am Sack Lunch
Saturday

Assisting Minister(s) Jan Karp
Co-Host Betty Johnson

NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, SEPTEMBER 26th to OCTOBER 2nd

Sunday 10:30am **Worship – Lesser Feast of St. Michael & All Angels (observed)**
BRING A FAVORITE ANGEL TO WORSHIP!
11:30am Pastor Biekman joins us for Coffee Conversation on Vision and Call Process
Monday Note: Pastor Kim is in the office Monday – Wednesday this week
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday Pastor Kim Day off
6:30 pm Call Committee
Friday
Saturday

Assisting Minister(s) Nancy Crivello
Co-Host Sandy Waterhouse

September 26th:

Pastor Robert Biekman, assistant to the bishop working with St. Timothy on the call process and our synod's Director of Evangelical Mission, will join us for Coffee Conversation following worship to answer questions you may have about your vision and your call process. He may have some questions for you as well! We continue to test our spiritual discernment to "live well": how is it filled with good for all? Where is the presence of God weighty in our plans for God's future? Your presence opens a window for the Holy Spirit!

Sunday, October 3 Feast Day of St. Francis!

BRING A PET TO ZOOM OR IN PERSON WORSHIP

Oct 10 Congregational Budget Meeting

The 2022 Budget is our congregational mission plan. Please plan to attend to ask any questions about the support we plan for God's dreams for us!