

Sharing the Bread of Life

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

November 28, 2021

10:30 AM



Worship Leaders for Today:

Presiding Minister: Kim Beckmann

Cantor: Paul Rupprecht

Assisting Minister: Joanne Haeberlin

Liturgists: Betty Johnson & Janice Skillen

Co-Host: Janice Skillen

Tech Deacon: Michael Lindahl

Introduction to the Day

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In the Old Testament, “righteousness” often has to do with being faithful in relationship. God acts righteously both in punishing Israel for its sin and in having mercy. In today’s reading, Jerusalem’s future name—“The Lord is our righteousness”—proclaims that God is even now working salvation for Israel.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Upon Timothy’s report from the congregation at Thessalonica, Paul is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

God will fulfill God’s purposes and, already, hidden signs of that fulfillment abound. On that great day there will be dismay, perplexity, confusion, and terror, but God’s people shall be given strength to stand boldly and receive God’s promised redemption.

Friends in Christ, Past and Present

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Andrew, Apostle

The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

Friday, December 3, 2021

Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, died 1552

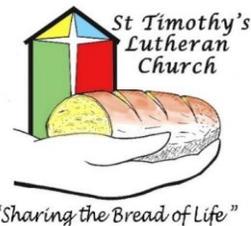
A native of the Basque region of Spain, Xavier became a missionary to India, Southeast Asia, Japan, and the Philippines. He also helped to found the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

Saturday, December 4, 2021

John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, died around 749

A monk in an abbey near Jerusalem, John wrote many hymns as well as theological works. One of his works, *The Fount of Wisdom*, remained influential for centuries.

Second Sunday of Advent



WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

PRESIDING MINISTER: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

ALL: Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,
**in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.
We falter in our call to tend your creation.
We find our sense of self in material wealth.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One,
and assure us again of your saving grace.
Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
✝ your sins are forgiven.
You are children of the Most High,
inheritors of the eternal promise,
and recipients of divine mercy.
God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

ALL: Amen.

GATHERING SONG: #245 Creator of the stars of night (v. 1, 3-4)

1 Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light, O Christ, redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.	3 At your great name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow: all things on earth with one accord, like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.	4 Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day; defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.
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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.

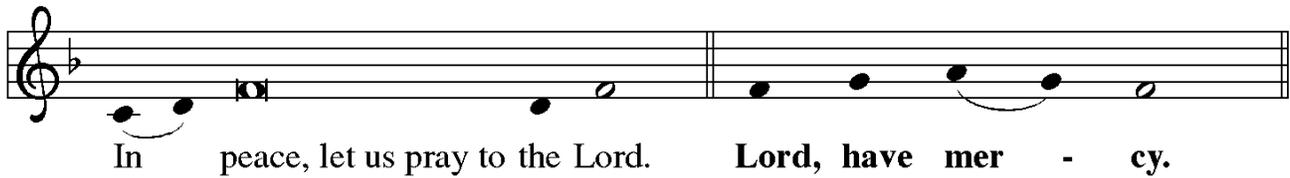
LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: ADVENT 1

PRESIDING MINISTER: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the first candle on this wreath,
rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord
when he comes with all the saints and angels.
Enlighten us with your grace,
and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.
Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

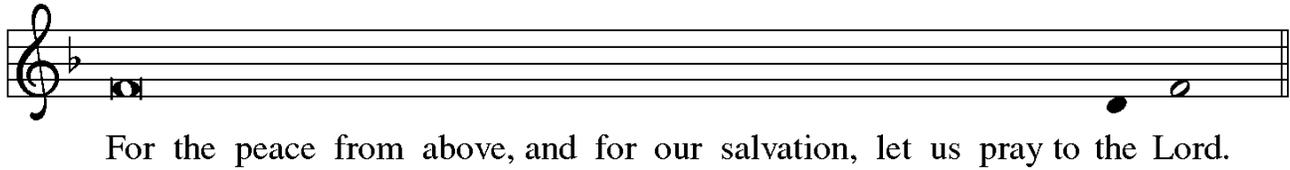
ALL: Amen.

Light the first candle

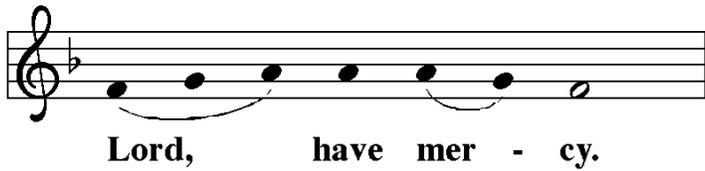
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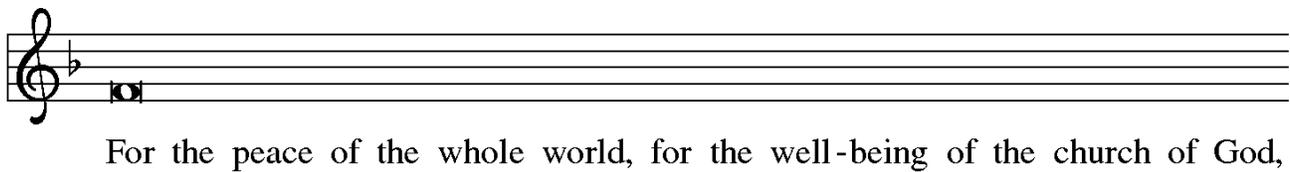
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



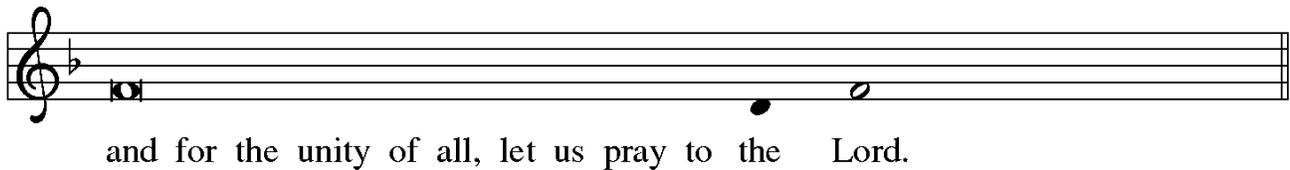
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



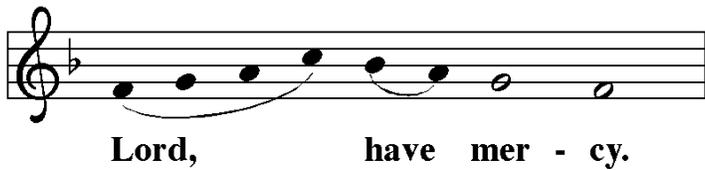
Lord, have mer - cy.



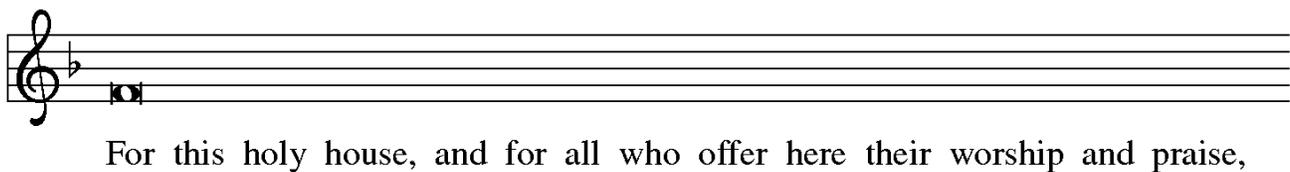
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



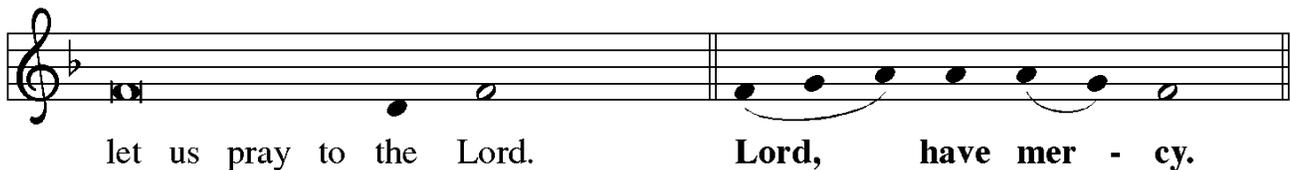
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ASSISTING MINISTER: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION: Sharing the Bread of Life for 70 Years ...and Still Counting!
Thanks4Giving!! Betty Johnson

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

PSALM: 25:1-10

To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach | me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so

strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

PRESIDING MINISTER: The holy gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

PRESIDING MINISTER: This is the Gospel of the Lord,

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: #257 O come, O come, Emmanuel (v 1)

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

ASSISTING MINISTER: Please feel free to unmute yourself at this time to join in the responses and prayers. In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God’s presence. *A brief silence.*

God of presence and peace, strengthen your church to proclaim the message of your love coming to the world. Open our hearts to recognize your face in all people and in all of creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, may we nurture what you have lovingly created. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healing, and life transitions of every kind. Bring your healing presence to all who cry out to you:

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

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from storms. We pray for those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters, by racial violence and injustices, by the ravages of coronavirus and economic inequities. Guide our congregation to dream your dream of abundance and life for the world.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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)

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of companionship and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide in you, especially these we name muted or unmuted:

(pause as members of the community raise up names those who have gone before us and are at rest)

Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

PRESIDING MINISTER: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

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 November:

Joe Johnston, Joanne Haerberlin, Robert Skillen and Laurel Nelson

Are there any other November 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 AND OFFERTORY: Dedication of Endowment Fund Gift

Offerings may be mailed to St. Timothy's at 9000 Kildare Ave, Skokie, Il. 60076.

Presiding Minister: We worship God with our offering. As we bring forth our gifts to the altar in offering, today we bless on its way the gift of \$1,250 from our mission endowment fund to the Assist A Family Program.

Pat Ruth, Chair of the Endowment Fund Committee, will share about today's gift.

ASSISTING MINISTER: Let us Pray

Gracious God,

Bless this gift of assistance to our Skokie neighbors for a warm winter and a joyful Holiday as we share your bread of life through our partners at the village of Skokie.

In all our offerings and at this table in which you invite us we pray;

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

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

EUCCHARIST

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.

PRAYER AT THE TABLE: Advent

PRESIDING MINISTER:

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,

our Salvation and our Hope,

we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,

you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages

your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering 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, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again

in righteousness and peace. And for this we cry out, Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Send your Spirit on us

and on this bread and wine we share:

strengthen our faith,

increase our hope,

and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

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

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: Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ASSISTING MINISTER: Most High God,
you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

ALL: Amen.

BLESSING

PRESIDING MINISTER: The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING SONG: #259 Fling wide the door (v. 1)

1 Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;
the King of glory comes in state;
the Lord of lords and King of kings,
the Savior of the world who brings
his great salvation to the earth.
So raise a shout of holy mirth
and praise our God and Lord,
Creator, Spirit, Word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

ASSISTING MINISTER: Go in peace. Christ is near.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Savior of the Nations, Come (#263) - Joh. Heinrich Buttstedt

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

Lauren Presburg, Kaitlin Presburg, David Nygard, Jim Nelson, John and Nancy Lang, Jonathan Steiner
The Family of Richard Skillen

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, NOVEMBER 28th to DECEMBER 4th

Sunday 10:30am Worship/ Birthday Sunday
11:30am Fellowship

Monday Pastor Kim Day off
Tuesday

Wednesday 6:30pm Advent Midweek Devotion and Interactive Discussion: The Winter Saints
Thursday
Friday
Saturday Pastor Beckmann on vacation Thru December 10

Assisting Minister(s) Joanne Haerberlin
Co-Host Janice Skillen

NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, DECEMBER 5th to DECEMBER 11th

Sunday 10:30am Worship – Welcome Pastor Gail Heidtke as our Supply Pastor!
11:30am Fellowship

Monday Pastor Kim on vacation this week thru December 10th!
Tuesday

Wednesday 6:30pm Advent Midweek Devotion and Interactive Discussion: The Winter Saints
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Assisting Minister(s) Betty Johnson
Co-Host Sandy Waterhouse