

Sharing the Bread of Life

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

August 14, 2022

10:30 AM



Worship Leaders for Today:

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Introduction to the Day

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God’s judgment, he suffers rejection. Today’s reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God’s word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

Gospel: 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God’s call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

Friends in Christ, Past and Present

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs

Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

Monday, August 15, 2022

Mary, Mother of Our Lord

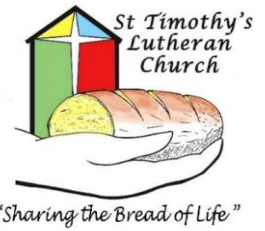
The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

Saturday, August 20, 2022

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.

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



WELCOME

Call to Worship

(inspired by Psalm 80 and Hebrews 11-12)

God of the ages, we sing your praises
in the vineyards of our lives.

**Make of us a restful space, a pollinator garden,
spreading your love.**

Where we have become ragged and wild,
prune us in the way we should grow.

Nurture the soil of our hope.

God has called us like Moses in the wilderness.
the prophets in the hills, and the disciples in the cities

They shared their blessings so that we might know God's presence here.

Heal the roots of our faith and trust. Bring us rain in drought, shade in scorching heat,
and protection in the wilderness.

Increase our passion for the good news, and protect the growth of our spirit.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

Let your hand be upon us, leading us to Jesus,
**Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: #812 Faith of our fathers (v. 1)

1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word.

Refrain

Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.

GREETING

LEADER: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LEADER: Let us pray: God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to
share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed
and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter
of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE WORD

PSALM: 82

God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

**“How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?”**

“Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

**“rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

“They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.

**“Now I say to you, You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

“nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.”

**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

HYMN OF THE DAY: #769 If you but trust in God to guide you (v. 1)

1 If you but trust in God to guide you
with gentle hand through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there beside you
when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love;
build on the rock that will not move.

PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: Please feel free to unmute yourselves to join in these prayers of the people. Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly as we move forward into your future. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep.

(pause as members of the community name those in need of God’s clear presence and occasions for rejoicing)

In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

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

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

Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints especially those we name who have gone before us:

(pause as members of the community raise up the names of the blessed dead in whose communion we remain)

May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

ALL: Amen.

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.

LEADER: We worship God with our offering.

**ALL: We walk by faith,
we live by faith,
we give by faith.**

LEADER: God of great gifts,
you have given us so much,
accept these gifts from our hands,
our faithful response to your abundant grace.

ALL: 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.

BLESSING

ASSISTING MINISTER: Let us bless one another for the week ahead:

**ALL: May the Lord bless us, and keep us.
The Lord's face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor, and give us peace. Amen.**

SENDING SONG: #805 Lead on, O King eternal (v. 2)

2 Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy
the heav'nly kingdom comes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

LEADER: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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

David Kozem, Lauren Presburg, Caitlin Presburg, Jim and Laurel Nelson, John and Nancy Lang, Jonathan Steiner,
The Family of Kenneth Johnston The Family of Dennis Davis, The Family of David Kozem
Paul Luke, Phillip DeRosa, Louise Nygard

Monday

Esther Hildner
Elizabeth Stanley
Keith Christensen

Tuesday

Janet Johnson
Susan Jensen
Janet Mladic

Wednesday

Elaine Morgan
John Fergus
Nicole

Thursday

Christine Haerberlin
Bobby Scott
Pat Veum Smith

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, AUGUST 14TH TO AUGUST 20TH

Sunday	10:30am	Worship - Lay Led
	11:30am	Fellowship
Monday	10 am	Pastor Kim on vacation thru August 18 th
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

Leader(s)	Pat Ruth
Co-Host	Joanne Haeberlin

NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, AUGUST 21ST TO AUGUST 27TH

Sunday	10:30am	Worship / Birthday Sunday
	11:30am	Fellowship
Monday		
Tuesday	6:30pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	9:45am	Sack Lunch
Saturday		

Leader(s)	Sandra Waterhouse
Co-Host	Janice Skillen

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