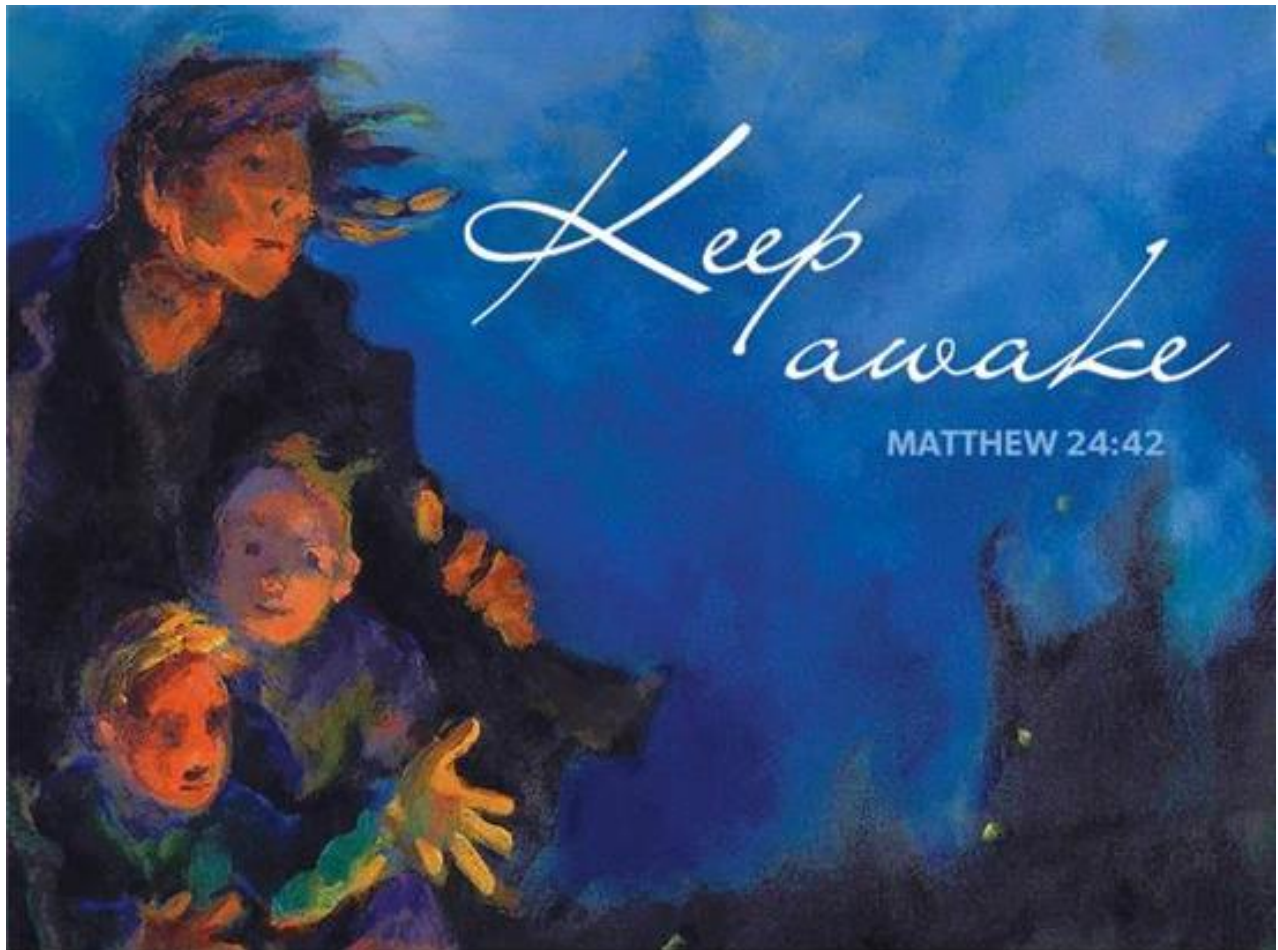


Sharing the Bread of Life

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

November 27, 2022

10:30 AM



Worship Leaders for Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Hannah Hawkinson

Cantor: Paul Rupprecht

Assisting Minister: Pat Ruth

Co-Host: Betty Johnson

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Introduction to the Day

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"

Psalm: 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Ps. 122:1)

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

FRIENDS IN CHRIST, PAST AND PRESENT

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Andrew, Apostle

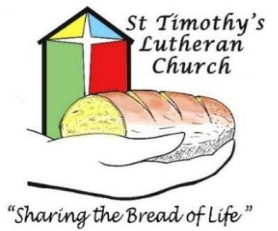
The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

Saturday, December 3, 2022

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).

First Sunday of Advent



WELCOME

The assembly stands.

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

PRESIDING MINISTER: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

ALL: Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

PRESIDING MINISTER: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as your children,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

PRESIDING MINISTER: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,

**ALL: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.
Amen.**

PRESIDING MINISTER: People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on + Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

PRESIDING MINISTER: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
You call all nations to walk in your light
and to seek your ways of justice and peace,
for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.
Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.
Rouse us from sleep,
that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes
and welcome him into our hearts and homes,
for he is our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God forever.

ALL: Amen.

Light the first candle

ADVENT WREATH: Light the Advent Candle (v. 1)

1. Light the Advent candle one
Now the waiting has begun
We have started on our way
Time to think of Christmas Day **Refrain**

Refrain Candle, candle burning bright
Shining in the winter night
Candle, candle burning bright
Fill our hearts with Christmas light

GATHERING SONG: #242 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn (v. 1, 3)

1 Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us forever.

3 In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PRESIDING MINISTER: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

THE WORD

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

ASSISTING MINISTER: A reading from Isaiah.

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

PSALM: 122

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

**Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.
**Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

ASSISTING MINISTER: A reading from Romans.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

ASSISTING MINISTER: Word of God, word of life.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM: Prepare thyself, Zion – Johann Sebastian Bach (Text p. 10)

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

PRESIDING MINISTER: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

[And Jesus said:] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

PRESIDING MINISTER: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #262 Wait for the Lord (four times through)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ASSISTING MINISTER: Please feel free to unmute yourselves to join in these prayers of the people. United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in our own nation and across the world, and pray that you would bring healing to our own fractured relationships. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or in need of your care, especially:

(pause as members of the community name those in need of God's clear presence)

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of community, you are present whenever we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. We pray also for our own congregation. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission and service, and guide us in all of our doings. God, in your mercy,

Hear 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)

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you, especially:

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

We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

PRESIDING MINISTER: God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

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. Checks can be mailed to St. Timothy's at 9000 Kildare Ave, Skokie, IL 60076.

PRESIDING MINISTER: We worship God with our offering.

OFFERING SONG: #685 Take my life and let it be (v. 2, 4)

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| <p>2. Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.</p> | <p>4. Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite I would withhold;
take my intellect, and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.</p> |
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OFFERING PRAYER

PRESIDING MINISTER: 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.

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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

PRESIDING MINISTER: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
surrounded by evil and bordered by death
we appeal to you,
our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace
and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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,
the sacrifice of his life and death
and the victory of his resurrection,
we await with all the saints
his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup
and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son:
teach us your mercy and justice,
and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRESIDING MINISTER: Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

PRESIDING MINISTER: This is the body of Christ, given for you.

PRESIDING MINISTER: This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

TABLE DISMISSAL

PRESIDING MINISTER: And now may the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ASSISTING MINISTER: Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

The assembly stands.

BLESSING

PRESIDING MINISTER: May God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING SONG: #257 O come, O come, Emmanuel (v. 1, 6)

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

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

6. O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. **Refrain**

The assembly is seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

ASSISTING MINISTER: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come – Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all, and shed his blood That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord, The Lord almighty God,
Who was and is, and is to come: Sing holy, holy Lord.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein. Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon.

E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come, And night shall be no more;
They need no light, no lamp, nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

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

Monday

Esther Hildner
Elizabeth Stanley
Keith Christensen
The Family of Howard Wold

Tuesday

Janet Johnson
Susan Jensen
Janet Mladic
Darren

Wednesday

Elaine Morgan
John Fergus
Nicole
Marlene Hawkins

Thursday

Christine Haeberlin
Bobby Scott
Pat Veum Smith
John Stanton
Billie Jordan

Friday

Jim Henderson
Richard Hobbs
The Family of David Kozem
Colleen Bolyard
Latoya Henry

Saturday

Nancy Whitney
Liam Hansen
Dixie Downes
Paula Carroll
Omar
Maisa

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 27TH TO DECEMBER 03RD

Sunday	10:30am	Worship
	11:30am	Fellowship
Monday	Pastor Hannah's Day Off	
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00pm	Advent Prayer Service on Zoom
Thursday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday		
Saturday	5:00pm	St. Timothy's Advent and Christmas Decorating Party (5:00 pm)

Assisting Minister(s) Pat Ruth
Co-Host Sandy Waterhouse

NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, DECEMBER 04TH TO DECEMBER 10TH

Sunday	10:30am	Worship
	11:30am	Fellowship
Monday	Pastor Hannah's Day Off	
Tuesday	7:00pm	Book Group on Zoom
Wednesday	7:00pm	Advent Prayer Service on Zoom
Thursday	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday		
Saturday	7:00pm	St. Tim's Coffeehouse - Corky Siegel and Ernie Watts

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

Save The Date

Saturday, December 3rd: St. Timothy's Advent and Christmas Decorating Party (5:00 pm)
Saturday, December 10th: Coffeehouse Concert with Corky Siegel and Ernie Watts (7:00 pm)
Sunday, December 11th: Advent Open House at Pastor Hannah's home (2:00-4:00 pm)

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Choral Anthem: Prepare thyself, Zion – Johann Sebastian Bach

Prepare thyself, Zion, with joyful attention
the dearest beloved, God's Son to receive.