

# *Sharing the Bread of Life*

## St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

First Sunday in Lent

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:30 AM



### *Worship Leaders for Today:*

Presiding Minister: Rev. Hannah Hawkinson

Cantor: Paul Rupprecht

Assisting Minister: Sandy Waterhouse

Sacristan: Nancy Crivello

Technical Specialist: Michael Lindahl

Acolyte: Richard Beck

## Introduction to the Day

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

**Old Testament:** Genesis 9:8-17

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

**Psalms:** Psalm 25:1-10

"Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness." (*Ps. 25:10*)

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 3:18-22

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11

"Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.'" (*Luke 5:10*)

## FRIENDS IN CHRIST, PAST AND PRESENT

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

**Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546**

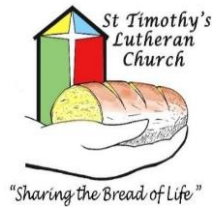
Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

**Friday, February 23, 2024**

**Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156**

Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

# First Sunday in Lent



## WELCOME

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 writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**ALL:** Amen.

## CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Be still and feel the silence of God,  
the Spirit breathing,  
breathing through Earth.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*We keep silence for reflection.*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Loving God,

**ALL:** You call us by name.

You join us in the deep waters of life.

You invite us to drop our nets and follow you,  
and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter.

Over and over again, we stand slack jawed and surprised  
to find you in our midst.

Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.

Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves.

Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boats.

Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you,  
for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray.

Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you are able.*

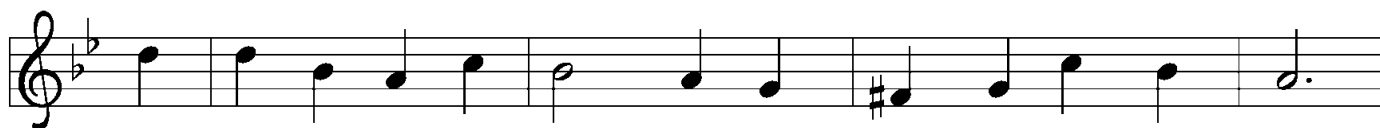
GATHERING HYMN: #326 Bless Now, O God, the Journey



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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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.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Holy God, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and out of water you bring forth abundant life. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL:** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## THE WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Genesis 9:8-17

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** A reading from Genesis.

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

**PSALM:** 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

**EPISTLE:** 1 Peter 3:18-22

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** A reading from 1 Peter.

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Word of God, word of life.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** Spread, O Spread, Almighty Word (Text p. 13)

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL:** Luke 5:1-11

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’s knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY: You Sought Me

Words by Anna Strickland, 2023

Music by Joseph Klug, 1543

My \_\_\_ bones and \_\_\_ head were bent down low When you  
A \_\_\_ chance en - coun - ter \_\_\_ by the lake I thought  
I \_\_\_ tried to \_\_\_ tell you, \_\_\_ "Leave me be - I'm not  
When I be - gin to \_\_\_ doubt my worth Re - mind

ap - proached me on your own You sought me \_\_\_ out \_\_\_ and  
this must be some mis - take That some - one \_\_\_ wrapped in  
sure what you see in me." And yet you \_\_\_ chose my  
me I was formed from earth The ve - ry \_\_\_ good cre -

called my name My life would nev - er be the same  
ho - li - ness Would will - ing - ly em - brace this mess  
net \_\_\_ to fill With all my faults you call me still  
a - tion of My God who seeks me out in love

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** We believe in a God of abundance—

**ALL:** a God who sees possibilities where we cannot,  
and who holds onto hope when we are at the end of our rope.

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** We believe in a God who comforts—

**ALL:** a God who says, "Do not be afraid;"  
a God who joins us in life's deep waters.

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** We believe in a God who invites—

**ALL:** a God who says, “Follow me,”  
and, “You will be fishers of people.”

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** We believe in a God who seeks after us—

**ALL:** a God of second chances and boundless mercy;  
a God who calls us by name.  
Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## PRAYERS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Please feel free to unmute yourselves to join in these prayers of the people. Trusting in God’s promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that have challenged and awakened your people, and for the prophets in our midst today. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling. We pray especially today for all those we love who are sick and suffering, especially:

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

Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** God our peace, as wars rage around the world, we pray for all living in fear of attack; for all who are hungry and thirsty; for all who don’t have safe places to live; for all who are hospitalized and all who provide care; for all who are separated from loved ones; for all who are held hostage; for all who are trapped in warzones with no way out; and for all who are grieving. Support us with strength to work for peace, and to trust in your resurrection life even in the midst of death. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**



**ASSISTING MINISTER:** 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)*

Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith, especially:

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

Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

**ALL: Your mercy is great.**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **BIRTHDAY SUNDAY LITANY**

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

**ALL: We thank God for those people whose birthdays we celebrate this February:**

Jim Karp

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Are there any other February birthdays?

We sing our birthday greetings.

*Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday and God bless you,  
Happy Birthday to you!*

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Life is precious.

**ALL: We are grateful for all these precious people.**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** May God bless them in this time and through all the days of their lives.

**ALL: We are glad that God has brought us together in this world.**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** We are enriched by those who come into our lives, our families, our church, and our community.

**ALL: May we always be open to seeing God in others.**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** May we always follow God's leading into the future.

**ALL: Thanks be to God for the gift of life. Amen.**

### **PEACE**

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** May the peace of Christ be with you always.

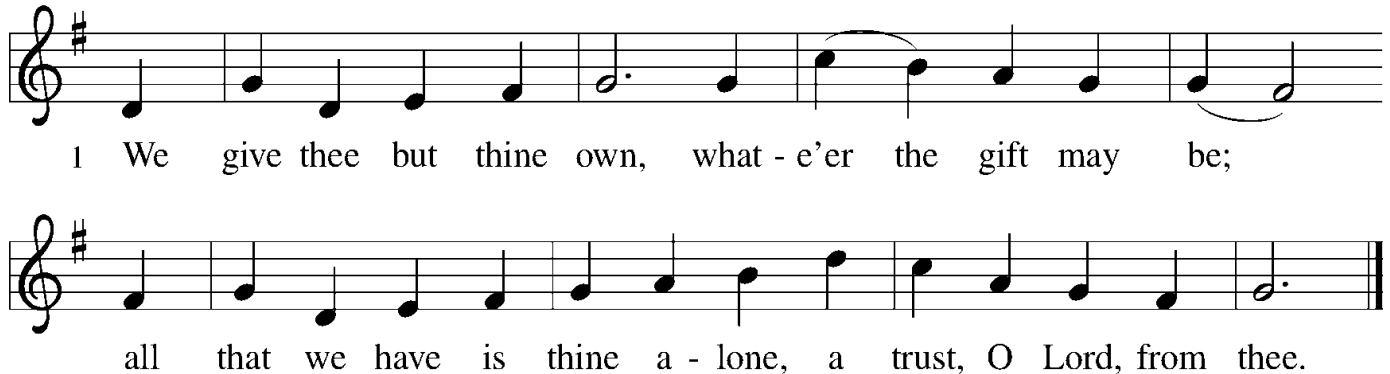
**ALL: And also with you.**

## 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. In addition to giving in our offering plate, you are welcome to give in one of two ways: 1) By mailing your gift to St. Timothy's at 9000 Kildare Ave, Skokie, IL 60076; or 2) By giving online via the QR code in the back of the bulletin or the link on our website: [sttimothyskokie.org](http://sttimothyskokie.org).*

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** We worship God with our offering.

**OFFERING SONG:** #686 We Give Thee But Thine Own (v. 1)



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

## OFFERING PRAYER

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.  
Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.  
Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.  
We pray this in your name.

**ALL:** 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.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.**

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

#### **CHORAL PRAYER**

For the bread which you have broken,  
For the wine which you have poured,  
For the words which you have spoken,  
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

#### **COMMUNION**

**TABLE DISMISSAL**

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

**ALL: Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**ALL: Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**BLESSING**

**PRESIDING MINISTER:** Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
May God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
✠ and give you peace.

**ALL: Amen.**

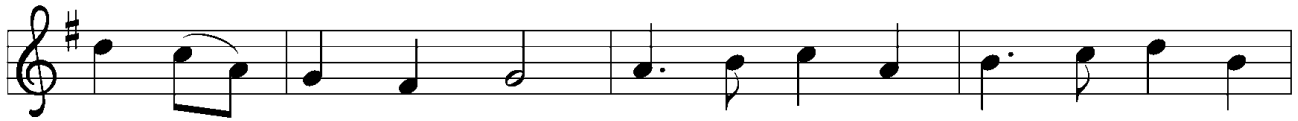
SENDING SONG: #618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



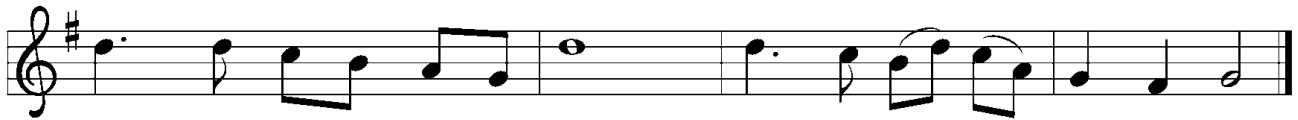
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

*Please be seated.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** (Very) Short Toccata - Gabrieli

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## CHORAL ANTHEM: SPREAD, O SPREAD, ALMIGHTY WORD

Spread, O spread, almighty word,  
Spread the reign of God the Lord.  
Send forth our Creator's call,  
Heaven's gifts extend to all.

Tell of our Redeemer's grace,  
Who, to save our human race  
And to pay rebellion's price,  
Gave himself as sacrifice.

Tell of God, the Spirit, giv'n  
Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
Strong and holy, just and true,  
Working both to will and do.

Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all  
See your light and heed your call.

### ARTIST'S STATEMENT ON BULLETIN COVER IMAGE: "RIVER OF GRACE" BY LISLE GWYNN GARRITY INSPIRED BY LUKE 5:1-11 ACRYLIC PAINTING ON CANVAS WITH DIGITAL DRAWING

"Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" (Luke 5:8)

As we begin Lent, this desperate confession introduces us to Peter, the disciple whose story we will follow for the next 7 weeks. If you've ever acted in a play or film production, you may have been tasked with writing your character's backstory, imagining the threads of your character's life that form the tapestry of their personality and motivations. If we do this exercise with Peter, many threads of imagination and historical details weave together. Peter was a commercial fisherman; his business partners were Andrew (his brother) as well as Zebedee and his two sons. Based in Galilee, he was most likely bilingual, speaking Aramaic and Greek. Culturally, he was immersed in Judaism and Hellenism. His business would have been under oppressive control of the Roman government, which arbitrarily imposed harsh rental and harbor fees, fishing licenses, and taxes on domestic fishermen. He was likely a blue-collar worker daily constrained by tides and taxes.

With this backstory in mind, we may hear Peter's response to the abundant catch of fish with fresh ears. There are so many messages within his protest: "I'm not prepared. I'm not capable. I'm not deserving. I'm not faithful enough. I'm not smart enough. I'm not the type you're looking for." Have you ever found yourself saying these things in response to a new calling, or to an abundant gift of grace?

In this image, the burstin nets transform into a river of grace meandering through the composition of Peter's life. The river pours into Peter's hands, but he can't quite grasp the fullness of this gift and calling quite yet, and so most of it rushes right by. As you will see in my other pieces for this series, this river of grace will wander alongside Peter throughout his life. The river represents how his journey with Christ begins and ends: with an abundant catch of fish. He is forever tethered to the overflowing love of God. The river is a symbol of Peter's gifts, as God uses what Peter knows how to do well (being a fisher of fish) and invites him to apply his skills to a new calling (being a fisher of people). It's a visible reminder of the ways God's grace bends and turns and rushes to find each of our wandering hearts.

Despite Peter's resistance, grace seeks him out. His right thumb gets caught in the net. He can't escape the fact that God's goodness and mercy will pursue him all the days of his life (Psalm 23:6). The river rushes in. The question for Peter—and for each of us—is will he follow where it leads? – Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

## 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, John and Nancy Lang, Phillip DeRosa, Louise Nygard, Brian and Jackson Siegel, The Family of Inez Johnson, The Family of Christopher Kozem, Susan Prichodko, Bill Yeager, Jim and Laurel Nelson, Virginia McLaughlin, Jennifer Kinsella

### Monday

Esther Hildner  
Marci Stanley  
John Stanton  
Robert Skillen  
Joe Greene

### Tuesday

Janet Johnson  
Susan Jensen  
Jennie Ramirez  
Linda and Paul Wold  
John Kueter

### Wednesday

Elaine Morgan  
John Fergus  
Michael Halliwell  
Marlene Hawkins

### Thursday

Christine Haeberlin  
Jan Karp  
Maisa  
The Family of Rosita Cueva  
Joe Thomas

### Friday

Jim Henderson  
David Householder  
Bennett  
Tom Toyra  
Ursula Sihocky

### Saturday

Liam Hansen  
Sheila McDiarmid  
Joseph and Burgunde Pucher  
Bill Maki

**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, FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup> TO FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>

Sunday	10:30am	Worship (First Sunday in Lent)
	11:30am	Annual Congregational Meeting (Hybrid)
	12:15pm	Potluck Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
Monday		
Tuesday	6:30pm	Church Council Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday	5:30pm	Pathways Conversation (Hybrid)
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday	9:45am	Sack Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday		

**Assisting Minister** Sandy Waterhouse

## NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup> TO MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday	10:30am	Worship (Second Sunday in Lent)
	11:30am	Fellowship
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Friday		
Saturday		

**Assisting Minister** Pat Ruth

## SAVE THE DATE

### St. Tim's Coffeehouse

Concerts are at 7:00 pm on select Saturday evenings, with doors opening at 6:30. We hope you will join us for one or all of the following shows this year:

- March 9<sup>th</sup>: Joe Crookston, presented in partnership with WFMT
- April 13<sup>th</sup>: Deidre McCalla, presented in partnership with WFMT

For more information, reach out to Paul Luke, call the church office, or visit [sttimothyskokie.org/coffeehouse](http://sttimothyskokie.org/coffeehouse).

### Lent Ingathering for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

During the season of Lent, our ingathering effort will support our friends at Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), who have been serving our state for over 150 years, bringing healing, justice, and wholeness to people and communities. At LSSI's direction, we will be gathering financial gifts to purchase small gift cards to support LSSI's clients and staff. Any amount you can give helps! To donate, please use one of the special envelopes you can find at either entrance to the sanctuary, or mail your donation to the church. Thank you!

### Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck

Mark your calendars! Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately after worship **today**, followed by a potluck luncheon.

### Pathways Conversation

Please join us on **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm** in person or on Zoom for continuing conversation as we discern our congregation's next steps! Dinner will be provided for those attending in person. To learn more and/or request previous recordings, reach out to Pastor Hannah. See you soon!

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