

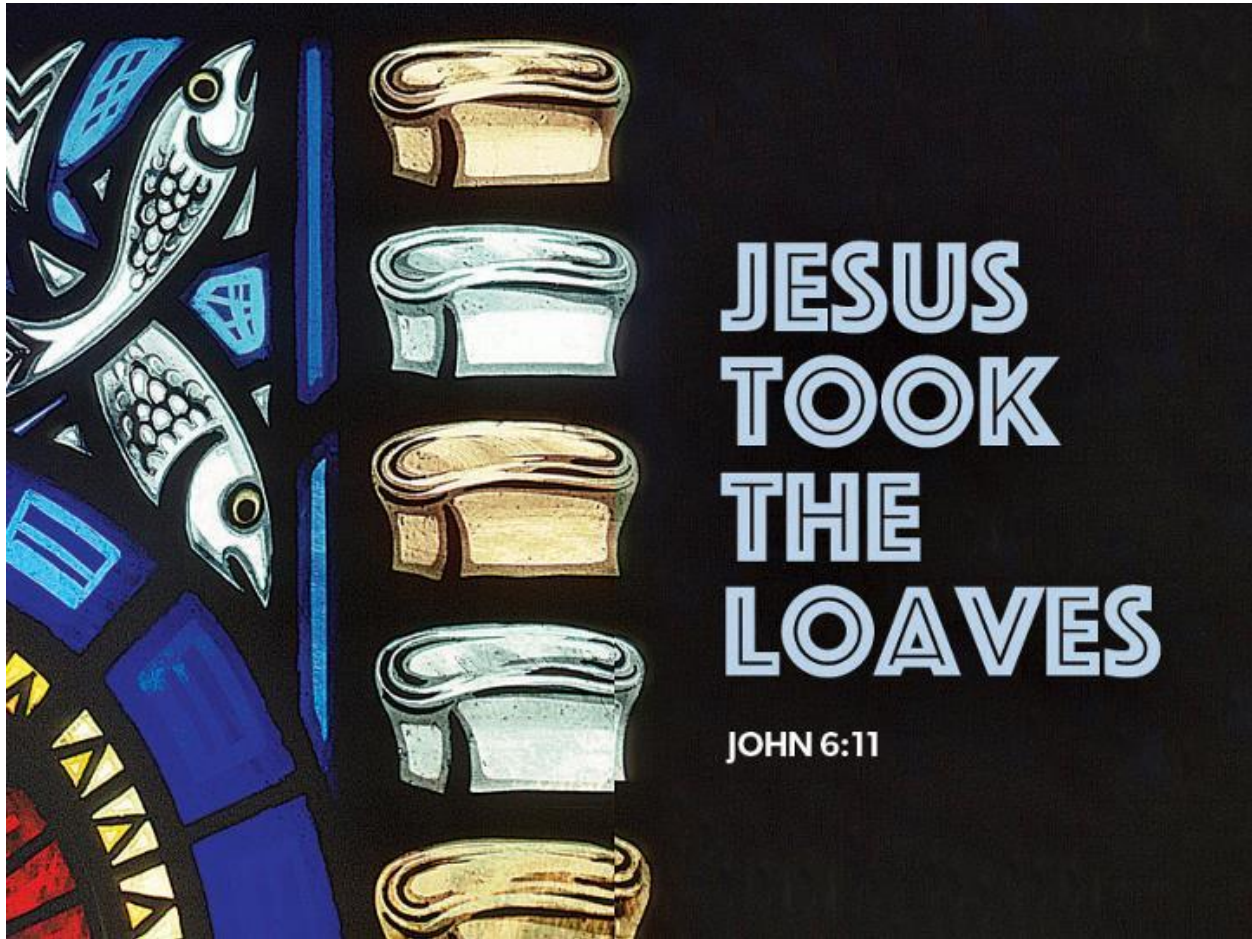
Sharing the Bread of Life

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28th, 2024

10:30 AM



Worship Leaders for Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Hannah Hawkinson

Cantor: Paul Rupprecht

Assisting Minister: Betty Johnson

Technical Specialist: Michael Lindahl

Sacristan: Nancy Crivello

Acolyte: Richard Beck

Introduction to the Day

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

Old Testament: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

Psalms: Psalm 145:10-18

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

Epistle: Ephesians 3:14-21

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

Gospel: John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

Friends in Christ, Past and Present

**Johann Sebastian Bach, d. 1750; Heinrich Schütz, d. 1672; George Frederick Handel, d. 1759; musicians
Sunday, July 28, 2024**

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces, and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Monday, July 29, 2024

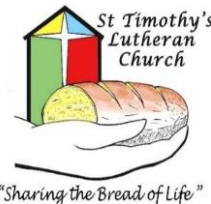
Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030

Monday, July 29, 2024

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.

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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,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

ALL: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRESIDING MINISTER: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

We keep silence for reflection.

PRESIDING MINISTER: God our provider,

ALL: Help us.

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.**

PRESIDING MINISTER: Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

ALL: Amen.

Please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING HYMN: #482 I Come With Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Kings 4:42-44

ASSISTING MINISTER: A reading from 2 Kings.

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” ⁴³ But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’ ” ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

PSALM: Psalm 145:10-18

All your works shall praise you, O LORD,

and your faithful ones shall bless you.

They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,

that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

The LORD upholds all those who fall

and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,

and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand

and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

You are righteous in all your ways

and loving in all your works.

You are near to all who call upon you,

to all who call upon you faithfully.

Please rise in body or spirit.

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

PRESIDING MINISTER: The Holy Gospel according to John.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover festival was near. ⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” ¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and

coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

PRESIDING MINISTER: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

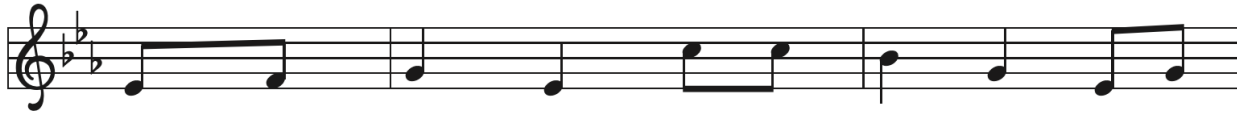
ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

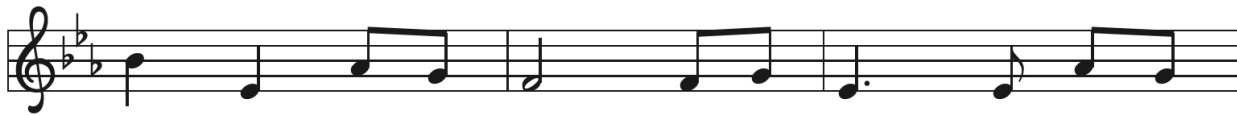
SERMON

Please rise in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY: # 966 Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

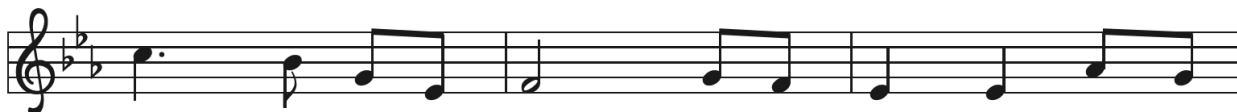


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Please be seated.

PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ASSISTING MINISTER: Please feel free to unmute yourselves to join in these prayers of the people. One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space, and fill us with the power of the Spirit for loving service. In your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: God of field and forest, streams and seas, you are the fullness of all things. As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters, sustain your creation. Protect harvests and give every person food. In your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way, and bring an end to war and conflict in all places around the world, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, Israel, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, and Sudan. In your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember and lift to you all those we love who are sick or suffering in any way, especially:

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

Be near to families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, and our beloved for whom death is near. In your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: God of grace, you root us and ground us in love. As you inspired our ancestors in this place in their ministry, sustain us also in new endeavors, that your glory may be made known, and your lovingkindness shared anew. In your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: God of community, we give you thanks for all those whose names surround us on our prayer chain, and we commend them to your care. We especially pray today for Roberta, Ronald, Joe, Mel, Scott, Sylvia, Mia, Zoe, Jeremy, Brian, Rita, Denny, and Linda. Bless and keep these dear ones and all those we love. In your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

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)

In your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge. We give thanks for the departed who have come to know the fullness of your grace, especially:

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

Join our voices with theirs and all the saints in singing your praises. In your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

PEACE

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

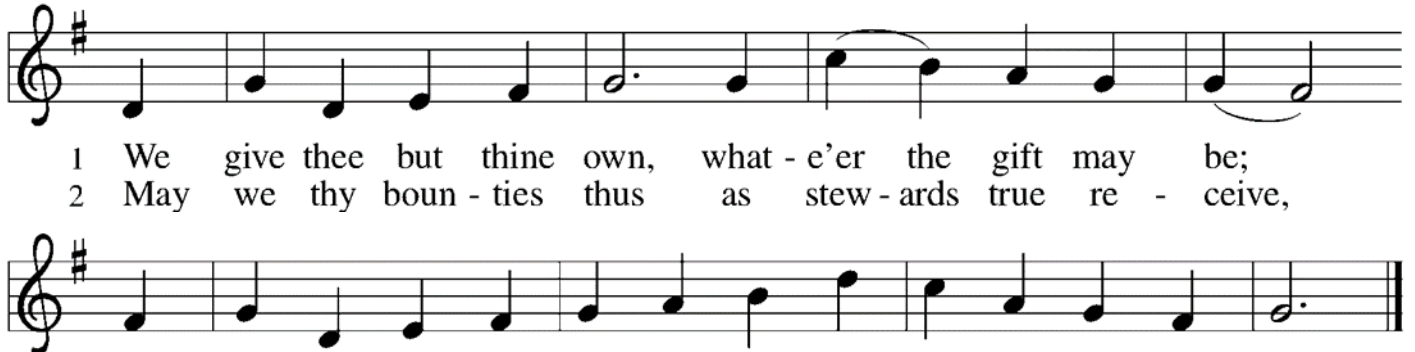
ALL: And also with you.

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.

PRESIDING MINISTER: We worship God with our offering.

OFFERING SONG: #686 We Give Thee but Thine Own (v. 1-2)



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

OFFERING PRAYER

PRESIDING MINISTER: 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.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

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,
who overcame death and the grave
and leads us all into everlasting life.
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, ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly is our
God; God the Lord of Earth and heav - en, Ho - ly, ho - ly is our
God. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, is our
God, God the Lord of all of his - t'ry, Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.

PRESIDING MINISTER: Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars,
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

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 acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of Life, your Son.

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

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRESIDING MINISTER: Christ has set the table
with more than enough for all.
Come!

COMMUNION

HYMN MEDITATION

Let us break bread together on our knees; (2x)
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (2x)
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

TABLE DISMISSAL

PRESIDING MINISTER: 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: Jesus, Bread of Life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

ALL: Amen.

Please rise in body or spirit.

BLESSING

PRESIDING MINISTER: Receive this blessing from the Letter to the Ephesians, the third chapter.

I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through the Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

ALL: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: # 843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

ASSISTING MINISTER: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

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

The Family of Lyle Mack, 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, The Family of Michael Rapp

Monday

Esther Hildner
Marci Stanley
John Stanton
Robert Skillen
Russon and Gloria Brown
Cindy and John Kueter
Martillas Porreca

Tuesday

Janet Johnson
Susan Jensen
Jennie Ramirez
Linda and Paul Wold
Lynn Toomey
Eileen Cooney
Miriam Lietz

Wednesday

Elaine Morgan
John Fergus
Michael Halliwell
Marlene Hawkins
Phil and family
The family of Simon Kerslake
Pennie Olson

Thursday

Christine Haeberlin
Colin Haeberlin
Jan Karp
Maisa
The Family of Rosita Cueva
The Family of Ron Colpaert
Helene Preisig

Friday

Jim Henderson
David Householder
Bennett
Tom Toyra
Ursula Sihocky
The Family of Larry Ruegg

Saturday

Liam Hansen
Sheila McDiarmid
Joseph and Burgunde Pucher
Bill Maki
Dick and Joan Nelson

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, JULY 28TH TO AUGUST 3RD

Sunday 10:30am Worship (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)
11:30am Fellowship
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Assisting Minister Betty Johnson

NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, AUGUST 4TH TO AUGUST 10TH

Sunday 10:30am Worship (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)
11:30am Fellowship
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Friday
Saturday

Assisting Minister Joanne Haeberlin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Creation Walks

Come and enjoy God's creation with friends! Our next walk will be at **Emily Oaks Nature Center in Skokie** (entrance and abundant parking at 4650 Brummel Street) on **Tuesday, August 13th at 5:30 pm**. There is free and abundant parking. See you then!

Outdoor Worship with St. John's

Mark your calendars! Our friends at St. John's Lutheran Church have invited us to join them for outdoor worship and a barbecue at Gillson Park in Wilmette on Sunday, August 25th at 9:30 am! This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship together, and all are welcome! Bring a folding chair to sit on and a side, dessert, or beverage to share.

St. Tim's Coffeehouse: Save the Date!

We're so excited for the 2024-2025 season at St. Tim's Coffeehouse! Mark your calendars and join us for the following shows, all on Saturday nights at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm):

- September 14th: Gina Forsyth
- October 12th: Jim and Susie Malcolm (presented in partnership with WFMT)
- November 9th: Sons of the Never Wrong
- February 8th: David Roth (presented in partnership with WFMT)
- March 8th: Aaron Nathans and Michael G. Ronstadt (presented in partnership with WFMT)
- April 12th: Kray Van Kirk (presented in partnership with WFMT)

To learn more about the Coffeehouse and buy tickets, visit sttimothyskokie.org/coffeehouse.

Out of the Office

Pastor Hannah will be out of the office from Monday, July 29th – Monday, August 12th.

LINK FOR ONLINE GIVING

To give online, follow the QR code below, or visit our website: sttimothyskokie.org.



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