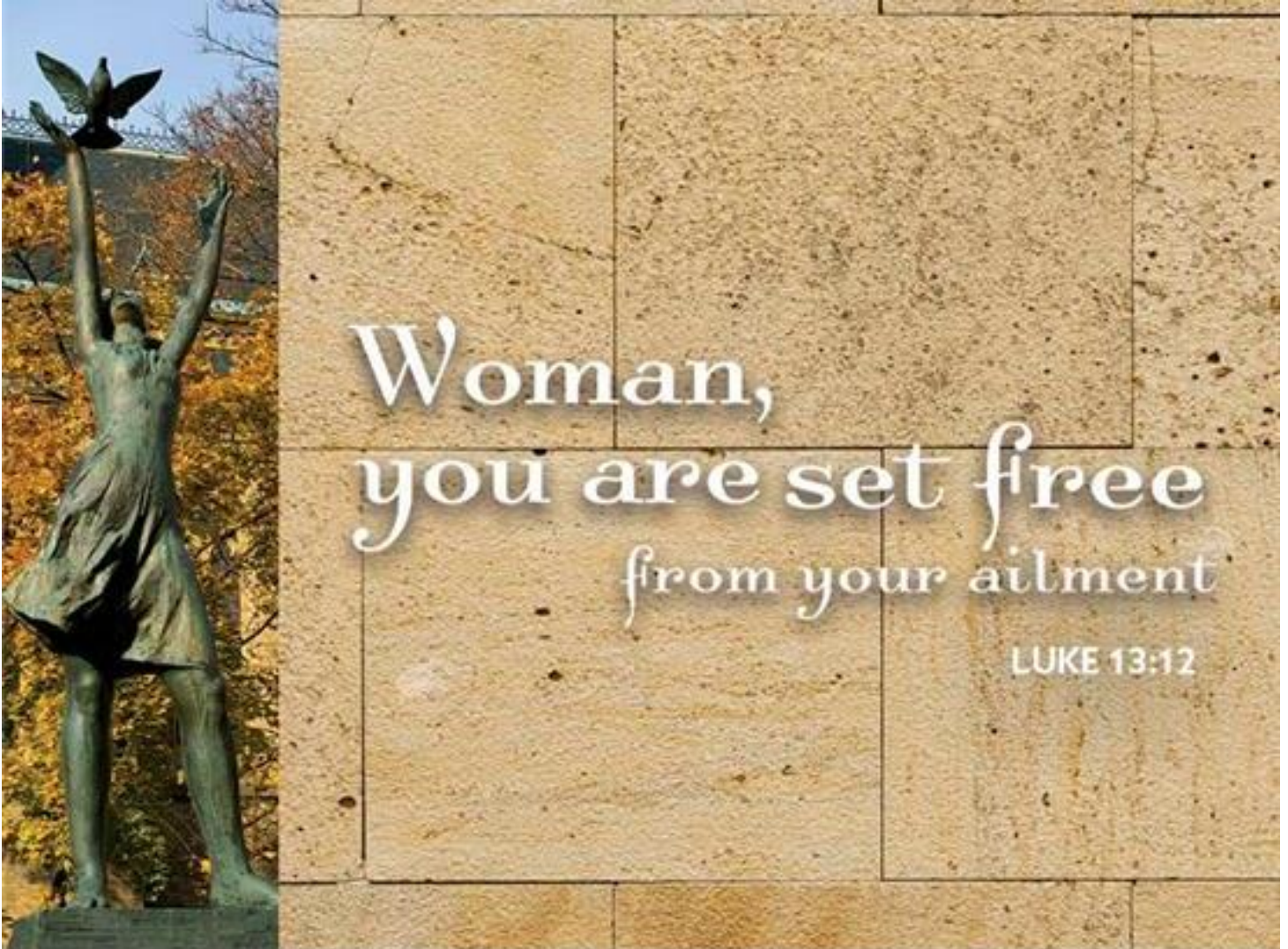


Sharing the Bread of Life
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

August 24th, 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM



Worship Leaders for Today:

Leaders: Betty Johnson / Janice Skillen

Assisting Leader: Pat Ruth

Cantor: Paul Rupprecht

Technical Specialist: Dana Johnston

Introduction to the Day

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Old Testament: Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

Psalm: Psalm 103

The Lord crowns you with mercy and steadfast love.

New Testament: Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Bartholomew, Apostle

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430

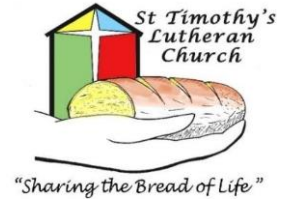
Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria.

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400

Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME

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

LEADER: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
who was, who is, and who is to come.

ALL: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

LEADER: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LEADER: Most merciful God,

ALL: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
Amen.

Please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING HYMN: #858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



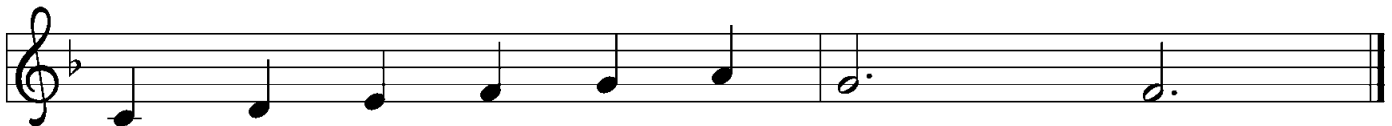
- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

GREETING *During this time, the Leader and the Assembly greet each other*

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.

KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN: # 410 All glory be to God on high (v 1)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to



Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite

Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

LEADER: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 58:9b-14

ASSISTING LEADER: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

- ^{9b} If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.
¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
- ¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,

and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

PSALM: 103; melody - Hymn 455

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; All within me bless God's name;
Bless the Savior, and forget not All God's mercies to proclaim.

God forgives all your transgressions, All diseases gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction, And with you so kindly deals.

Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;
Like the pity of a Father Has the Lord's compassion been.

As it was without beginning, So it lasts without an end;
To their children's children ever Shall God's righteousness extend:

Unto such as keep God's cov'nant And are steadfast in God's way:
Unto those who still remember The commandments and obey.

Bless your Maker, all you creatures, Ever under God's control,
All throughout God's vast dominion, Bless the Lord of all, my soul!

NEW TESTAMENT: Hebrews 12:18-29

ASSISTING LEADER: A reading from the Book of Hebrews.

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

ASSISTING LEADER: Word of God, word of life.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

LEADER: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

LEADER: 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: #610 O Christ, the healer, we have come



- 1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
- 2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
- 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
- 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need.
our com-mon life de-clar-es our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole-ness that, en-rich-ing us, shall reach the whole of hu-man-kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Please be seated.

PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: Please feel free to unmute yourselves to join in these prayers of the people. Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

A brief silence.

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders (leaders may be named) as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

ASSISTING LEADER: You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

ASSISTING LEADER: You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

ASSISTING LEADER: You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care, especially:

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

Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

ASSISTING LEADER: You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

ASSISTING LEADER: 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 LEADER: With (Bartholomew and) all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name, especially:

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

As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

ASSISTING LEADER: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

ALL: Amen.

PEACE

LEADER: 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.

LEADER: We worship God with our offering.

OFFERING SONG



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.

OFFERING PRAYER

LEADER: Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

ALL: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

LEADER: 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.

Please rise in body or spirit.

BLESSING

LEADER: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.

ALL: Amen

SENDING HYMN: #542

Today a heavy burden upon our hearts we lay.
Lord, give our words the clothing of Jesus' loving way.
When words are done and spoken, with nothing more to tell,
Help with this great decision, Lord, help us choose it well. – ©PR

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DISMISSAL

ASSISTING LEADER: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

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

John and Nancy Lang, Phillip DeRosa, Louise Nygard, Brian and Jackson Siegel, Susan Prichodko, Bill Yeager, Jim and Laurel Nelson, Pat Flaherty and Sandy Waterhouse, The Family of Michael Rapp, Paul Luke, Irene Hildner

Monday

Esther Hildner
Marci Stanley
John Stanton
Robert Skillen
Russon and Gloria Brown
John Kueter
Bob Miller

Tuesday

Martilias Porreca
Janet Johnson
Susan Jensen
Jennie Ramirez
Linda and Paul Wold
Eileen Cooney
Jennifer Kinsella

Wednesday

Elaine Morgan
John Fergus
Michael Halliwell
Marlene Hawkins
Joanne and Colin Haeberlin
The family of Simon Kerslake
The family of William D. Murphy

Thursday

Christine Haeberlin
Jan Karp
The Family of Maisa Abudayyeh
The Family of Rosita Cueva
The Family of Larry Ruegg
Helene Preisig
The Family of Patricia Study

Friday

Jim Henderson
David Hooseholder
Phil and family
Lynn Tomey
Miriam Lietz
Virginia McLaughlin
Paul Luke

Saturday

Liam Hansen
Patrick Hansen
Sheila McDiarmid
The Family of Joseph Pucher
Bill Maki
Dick and Joan Nelson
Pennie Olson

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 24th TO AUGUST 30th

Sunday	10:30am	Service Of the Word/ Congregation Meeting to vote on closure
	11:30am	Fellowship
Monday	7:00pm	Zumba
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00pm	Zumba
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

Assisting Minister: Pat Ruth

NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, AUGUST 31st TO SEPTEMBER 6th

Sunday	10:30am	No Service @ St. Tim's/ Visit neighboring Church
Monday	7:00pm	Zumba
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00pm	Zumba
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	God's Work. Our Hands	**Don't forget to register**

Assisting Minister:

SAVE THE DATE

Hospitality Team

Are you looking for a new way to serve? Consider joining our Hospitality Team, which provides the refreshments for fellowship hour after worship every Sunday! There are plenty of opportunities to serve! To learn more and sign up, call the church office.

A Message from Global Refuge

Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services) received a stop-work order from the government calling for us to immediately stop serving the nearly 6,000 newly arrived refugees in our care. These children and families fled war, violence, or persecution and came to the United States through the official U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. They arrived with little more than the clothes on their backs and rely on the initial assistance Global Refuge provides for urgent needs like housing, food, healthcare, finding work, and enrolling their children in school. Your gifts are the only way we can assure that refugees in our care can access the essential resources promised to them. Provide critical support to newly arrived children and families today at globalrefuge.org/withrefugees.

God's Work Our Hands

Saturday, September 6, "See Next Page"

Sack Lunch

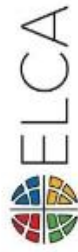
Come and join us for our next Sack Lunch opportunity on Friday, September 26

th, in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am! For more information, please reach out to Janice Skillen or call the church office at (847) 676-1300.

SAVE THE DATE

God's work. Our hands.

The Glenbrook Parish congregations come together for this ELCA-wide day of service.



Saturday, September 6



Sign up details coming soon.

Choose from an indoor or outdoor activity.



**Feed My
Starving Children
(Libertyville)**
11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Jobs for all abilities.
Volunteers must be at least
5-years-old.
Many spots available.



**Watersmeet Woods
Cook County Forest Preserve
(Winnetka)**
9:00 a.m.-Noon

Jobs are physical.
Volunteers must be high-school age
or older.
Limited spots available.

<http://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=EK1WL5>

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