

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

July 27th, 2025

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM



Worship Leaders for Today:

Presiding Minister: Minister Tim Geistlinger

Cantor: Paul Rupprecht

Assisting Minister: Betty Johnson

Technical Specialist: Dana Johnston

Sacristan: Nancy Crivello

Introduction to the Day

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”

Old Testament: Genesis 18: 20-32

Abraham bargains with God for the righteous of Sodom and Gomorrah

Psalms: Psalm 138

Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. (Ps. 138:8)

New Testament: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

Buried with Christ in baptism, raised with him through faith

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches the disciples to pray

FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Monday, July 28, 2025

Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians

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.

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

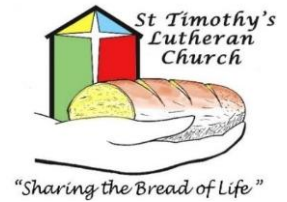
Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030

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.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME

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

PRESIDING MINISTER: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✙ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

PRESIDING MINISTER: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

We keep silence for reflection.

Merciful God,

ALL: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

PRESIDING MINISTER: You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✙ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

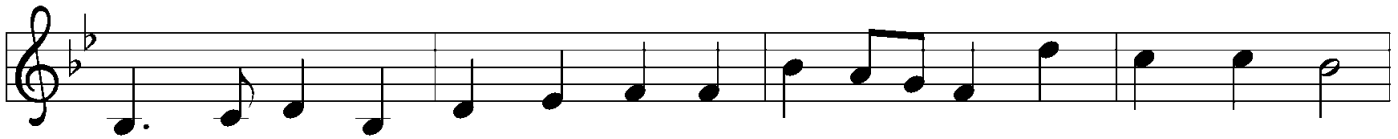
ALL: Amen.

Please rise in body or spirit.

GATHERING HYMN: #533 Open now thy gates of beauty



- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
- 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
- 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

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: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 18: 20-32

ASSISTING MINISTER: A reading from Genesis

²⁰ Then the LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹ I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know.”

²² So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶ And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷ Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸ Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰ Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹ He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³² Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

PSALM: Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

**The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me;

O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

NEW TESTAMENT: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

ASSISTING MINISTER: A reading from Colossians.

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and

authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.]

ASSISTING MINISTER: Word of God, word of life.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

PRESIDING MINISTER: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,’ ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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: #745 Lord, teach us how to pray aright (orig. melody)



- 1 Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, with rev - 'rence and with fear.
- 2 We per - ish if we cease from prayer; oh, grant us pow'r to pray.
- 3 Give deep hu - mil - i - ty; the sense of god - ly sor - row give;
- 4 Faith in the on - ly sac - ri - fice that can for sin a - tone;
- 5 Give these, and then your will be done; thus strength-ened with all might,



Though dust and ash - es in your sight, we may, we must draw near.
And when to meet you we pre - pare, Lord, meet us on our way.
a strong de - sire, with con - fi - dence, to hear your voice and live;
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ a - lone.
we, through your Spir - it and your Son, shall pray, and pray a - right.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
Music: SONG 67, Orlando Gibbons, 1583–1625

Please be seated.

PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ASSISTING MINISTER: Please feel free to unmute yourselves to join in these prayers of the people. In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: To all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs, especially:

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

Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,

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)

God of grace,.

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: We give thanks for all who have gone before us, especially:

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

May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. God of grace,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

ASSISTING MINISTER: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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



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

PRESIDING MINISTER: 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.

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, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 Father, 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: Come to the table of grace.
Receive the gift of new life.

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: Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

ALL: Amen.

Please rise in body or spirit.

BLESSING

PRESIDING MINISTER: 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: #544 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing



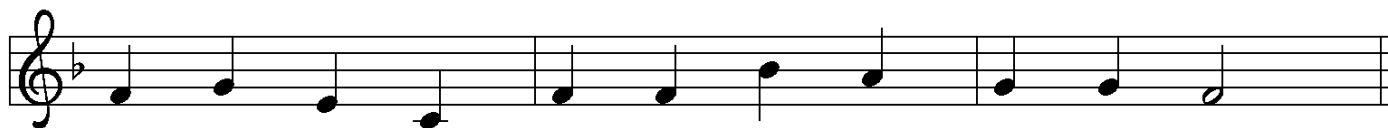
1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

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Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

ASSISTING MINISTER: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Variations on our final hymn - PR

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 (*Speak 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, JULY 27th TO AUGUST 2nd

Sunday	10:30am	Worship (Minister Tim Geistlinger)
	11:30am	Fellowship
Monday	7:00pm	Zumba
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00pm	Zumba
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

Assisting Minister: Betty Johnson

NEXT WEEK AT ST. TIMOTHY'S, AUGUST 3rd TO AUGUST 9th

Sunday	10:30am	Church Visit
Monday	7:00pm	Zumba
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00pm	Zumba
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

Assisting Minister: Jan Skillen

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.

Sack Lunch

Come and join us for our next Sack Lunch opportunity on Friday, August 29th 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.

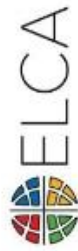
God's Work Our Hands

Saturday, September 6, "See Next Page"

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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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