

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH MOUSE
May 2021



Sunday, May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am
Katie Castro

Sunday, May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am
Ned Lindstrom

Sunday, May 16, 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am
Ned Lindstrom

Sunday, May 23, 2021
Day of Pentecost
Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am
Ned Lindstrom

Sunday, May 30, 2021
The Holy Trinity/1st Sunday after Pentecost
Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am
Ned Lindstrom



***Join us for indoor worship or in the church parking lot
for the Drive In service***

A pastoral word on the verdict of Derek Chauvin's trial

4/20/2021 5:50:00 PM

The trial of Derek Chauvin, the former Minnesota police officer charged with the killing of George Floyd, has riveted our national attention these past weeks, and now a verdict has been reached. Together with people around the world, we have anticipated the jury's decision with troubled hearts. As members of the community of Jesus, we affirm that "if one member suffers, all suffer together with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26, NRSV).

No jury verdict can erase the pain of the Floyd family, and we share our condolences and pray for ongoing comfort in their suffering and for all whose lives have been touched by this tragedy. As people of the cross, we believe in the hope of the resurrection. Yet we cannot rush to Easter Sunday without reflecting on the oppression of Good Friday.

The murder of George Floyd is one of the many examples of the ongoing abuse of police authority. The extrajudicial killings of Brown and Black bodies must stop.

We **recommit** ourselves as a church to continue to fight against the sin of racism and to hold accountable unjust systems and structures that perpetuate injustices, including our own. In the words of Martin Luther King Jr: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." The work of confronting these injustices is long overdue.

Let us together in our congregations and communities discern how we are being called in this moment to live out our baptismal promise to serve all people and strive for justice and peace.

For further discussion, you can read the following sections from ELCA social statements and policy:

The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the Cries, [elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Criminal-Justice](https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Criminal-Justice) (pages 9 and 13).

Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture, [elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Race-Ethnicity-and-Culture](https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Statements/Race-Ethnicity-and-Culture) (pages 4 and 5).

Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent, Slavery Apology Explanation.pdf (page 2).

In Christ,
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

St. Timothy Church Council

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Do you have questions or ideas for Council? Feel free to share them with any council member or write them down and leave in the office.



1 Beverly Klang
16 Marc Oste
18 Amie Adams

27 Zoe Castro
28 Joshua Powers

Online and Smartphone Giving via Give+ App

ONLINE GIVING at St. Timothy for Debit/Credit cards

Three ways to give:

- *Go directly to our website at www.sttimothybemus.com.*
- *Use our QR code with the QR reader on your smartphone.*
- *Download the app 'GivePlus Church'. Create an account.*

For further information, see Kathy Carlson on Sundays or call her at 485-1316.



******NEW******

*Simple Strategies for Creating
Calm and Balance in an Unbalanced World*
Mini Workshop – presenter Lyn Harris

Thursday, May 6th
4:00 – 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Maximum 12 people
To register, contact
Kristie Bloomquist at (716) 485-3931 or kkbarn2@gmail.com

Tailgate Coffee Hour



Yes, you read it right! When the weather looks good for an upcoming Sunday, we're calling a **TAILGATE COFFEE HOUR!** You bring the lawn chair (and a snack if you want it) and we'll provide the coffee!

Check the **eMinistry**
for the OFFICIAL "Let's do it!"



5 & 2 Ministry has increased its bin count to 92. Thank you to all who have supported this worthwhile ministry for our Bemus Point School children! Fighting

childhood hunger in our community one child at a time.

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SUPPORT OUR 5 & 2 MINISTRY!
The 5 & 2 Ministry Sub Committee



Prayer Requests: Gene Heil, Pastor Ivy Gauvin, Karen Johnson, Roy Pihl, George and Janet Balcom, Beverly Klang, Trudy Fetzner, Mabel Trantum, Thom Shagla, Matt Isaacson, Dave Bentley, Alice Swartz, Skip Anderson, Jim Sheehy, Karen Brown, Dan Burns, Beth Gardner, Barb Mattern, Joseph Gauvin, Emerson Allaby, Sarah Van Staalduin, and Dick Starks those serving in the military and law enforcement and their families, including Ben Wickerham and Jeffrey Clauson, those caught up in violence and war who have no safe home in which to live. For all children, that the love of Christ may reach them through all of us who have resources to love, protect, pray and provide for them.

Council Highlights

April 2021 Council Highlights:

- Installation of Council members May 16th.
- Synod Assembly is June 3 – 5. It will be via Zoom.
- Spring Work Day set for May 8th (Rain date May 15th) 9am to Noon
- Adopt-a-Highway will be Friday, May 21st at 9:30
- NEW – Lyn Harris offering 1 hour class on ways to deal with anxiety. *more info to come. Watch eMinistry.
- Finances stable to date due to consistent giving!! Thank you.

May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings and Psalm

[Acts 8:26-40](#)

Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian

[Psalm 22:25-31](#)

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. (Ps. 22:27)

[1 John 4:7-21](#)

God's love perfected in love for one another

[John 15:1-8](#)

Christ the vine

May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings and Psalm

[Acts 10:44-48](#)

The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles

[Psalm 98](#)

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)

[1 John 5:1-6](#)

The victory of faith

[John 15:9-17](#)

Christ the friend and lover

May 16, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings and Psalm

[Acts 1:15-17, 21-26](#)

Matthias added to the apostles

[Psalm 1](#)

The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (Ps. 1:6)

[1 John 5:9-13](#)

Life in the Son of God

[John 17:6-19](#)

Christ's prayer for his disciples

May 23, Day of Pentecost

Readings and Psalm

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

[Psalm 104:24-34, 35b](#)

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

[Romans 8:22-27](#)

Praying with the Spirit

[John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15](#)

Christ sends the Spirit of truth

May 30, The Holy Trinity/1st Sunday after Pentecost

Readings and Psalm

[Isaiah 6:1-8](#)

Isaiah's vision and call

[Psalm 29](#)

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)

[Romans 8:12-17](#)

Living by the Spirit

[John 3:1-17](#)

Entering the reign of God through water and the Spirit

Global Mission

By Marcia Brown, Mission Interpreter

CHANGING LIVES IN BANGLADESH

In Bangladesh, Farida works as a housekeeper, and her husband is a field laborer. They live near the Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh Hospital, which offers self-help groups for women that provide an opportunity for savings, small business development, economic and financial training, and relational support. When Farida joined the group, she received training in homestead vegetable gardening. She now tells her neighbors how her life has changed. In addition to her cleaning work, she now has an extra income source selling her vegetables at the local weekly market. Her economic status has improved, and her children have their basic needs met. “I will always be grateful to Almighty God and to the Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh.”

As you plan your garden this spring, think of Farida and her vegetable garden. It wouldn't happen without your gifts to Mission Support and to ELCA World Hunger, which support families as they grow food to nourish themselves and build safer, healthier communities for the long term, helping to put an end to hunger—for good. **Thank you!**

We are church together for the sake of the world. God's Work. Our Hands.



Ways to Help this Month:

- 5 & 2 donations. Lists of food items and sizes available on the church website.
- Bemus Point Food Pantry. Items needed are cereal, spaghetti noodles and spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, soups, canned fruit, applesauce, toilet paper, dish soap, shampoo and toothpaste. **Monetary donations are always welcome.** Contact Marty Hunt 720-0460 for donations and questions.
- Can tab collection: The Synod Assembly planning team has decided to DISCONTINUE with the collection of aluminum can tabs for THIS year.
- Honduras Promise Children Project needs new sponsors
- **Mailing in your weekly or monthly offering would be greatly appreciated for May if you haven't already done so.**

Choosing Safer Activities

		Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor		
Safest			Walk, run, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
			Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
			Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe			Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
	Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	

The CDC released updated guidance on outdoor mask usage. CDC

Grab your gloves and tools and join us May 8th for Spring Work Day
9 am – 12 pm (rain date May 15th)





Mother's Day



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Advice
Card
Family
Flowers
Gift
Grandma
Helpful
Home

Hug
Kiss
Love
Loving
Mother
Teacher
Thoughtful
Wise



Join at ThreeKiddThreeCatsandAHalf.com



*We have returned to
worshiping in the
sanctuary as well as
worshiping in our cars.*

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: 3748 Rt. 430

Length: 30 minutes

WEAR YOUR MASKS

Coming inside? COME EARLY!

While Pastor Ivy is out, you can contact Pastor Heather Allport-Cohon if there is a need for pastoral care. She can be reached at 716-708-6466.

Synodically Authorized Minister Ned Lindstrom will be leading worship and preaching on Sundays. He can be reached at 716-490-3820.

Katie Castro will be leading worship the 1st Sunday of each month until Pastor Ivy's return.

MAY 2021
WORSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
AT ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

	MAY 2	MAY 9	MAY 16	MAY 23	MAY 30
Assistant Liturgist	Kristie Bloomquist	Tammy Haas	Kristie Bloomquist	Sarah Goebel	Kristie Bloomquist
Ushers/Greeters	Linda Milks Ginny Sloan	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Ginny Sloan	Marty Hunt Ginny Sloan	Linda Milks Ginny Sloan

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Beverly Klang
2 10:00 am Worship Katie Castro	3	4	5	6 Mini Workshop By Lyn Harris 4-5 pm <i>Simple Strategies For Creating Calm And Balance....</i>	7	8 Spring Work Day 9am-12pm 
9 10:00 am Worship w/Communion Bible Study 10:45 am <i>Happy Mother's Day</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15 Rain Date Spring Work Day 9am- 12pm
16 10:00 am Worship Bible Study 10:45 am Marc Oste	17	18 5&2 Packing – 7pm Amie Adams	19	20	21 Adopt-a-highway 9:30 am	22
23 10:00 am Worship w/Communion Bible Study 10:45 am -----30 10:00 am Worship w/Communion	24 -----31 	25	26	27 Zoe Castro	28 Joshua Powers	29

25 The Spirit of God moves and works throughout the world, through every language, culture, human gift and life experience, to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and of God's amazing love for humankind. Praise God!

26 Pray that the Spirit will renew and equip us for the difficult work of understanding, bridging and mending the differences and schisms in our communities and nation. Pray that God will make us bold in our witness as people of faith, yet humble, empathetic and caring as we listen to and talk with one another.

27 Give thanks for the Spirit, which helps us when we are weak, sustains our faith when we are uncertain and pleads for us "with sighs too deep for words" when we aren't sure how to speak with God.

28 Mission Builders is a ministry related to the ELCA that provides opportunities for retired people to use their skills and gifts to help congregations, schools, camps and social ministry organizations construct or improve their facilities. Give thanks for Mission Builder volunteers who travel the country to serve the church, share their faith and inspire others to service.

29 As we return to restaurants and other places where we socialize around food, remember in prayer those who suffer hunger and food insecurity across our nation and world. Ask the Spirit to strengthen our commitment to end hunger, advocate for our neighbors in need and bring hope and relief.

30 *Trinity Sunday* Pray that God will help us live with and value the Holy Trinity and other mysteries of our faith that far exceed our ability to comprehend.

31 *Memorial Day* Remember, mourn and give thanks for men and women in the military who gave their lives for justice, peace and the freedom of our country and all nations.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

PRAYER VENTURES

MAY 2021

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Rocky Mountain, Northeastern Minnesota, Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana, Pacifica and Greater Milwaukee synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

2 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Oregon and Arkansas-Oklahoma synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

3 Throughout Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, give thanks for the rich heritage, gifts, cultures and contributions to our nation and church of our Asian and Pacific Islander neighbors and siblings in Christ. Ask God to bless and further the work and witness of ELCA Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries and the ELCA's Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders.

4 Pray for an end to the gun violence that has become commonplace in our country, and ask God for the wisdom, will and courage to advocate and work for laws and solutions that honor and protect God's gift of life, for the sake of our neighbors and communities.

5 Pray that we will be fearless, selfless and generous in our love and concern for one another because of the love God has revealed to us through Jesus Christ and the work of the Spirit within us.

6 Pray for leaders of outdoor ministries and congregational summer ministries as they ponder how to safely share the gospel, nurture faith, and serve children, youth and families this summer.

This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Contact info@elca.org for additional information. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631-4101. Telephone: 800-638-3522, ext. 2458.

7 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the New Jersey and Sierra Pacific synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

8 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

9 There is so much talk of love in the gospel message! Ask God to help us live fully the love we know in Jesus Christ, and pray that it will shine brightly in the world so all may know that God is love.

10 Ask God to grant an extra measure of faith, strength, hope, resourcefulness and resilience to those recovering and rebuilding after natural disasters and severe weather. Pray that we will listen carefully to them and respond helpfully to their immediate and long-term needs.

11 "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises," for God has done amazing and wonderful things!

12 Pray that we will not forget nations or regions where conflict, civil war or other turmoil spread violence, displacement, suffering and despair; pray that leaders will seek just and peaceful solutions and reconciliation and attend to people needing safety and relief. Ask the Spirit to help us respond to these crises, especially through supporting Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

13 *Ascension of Our Lord* Give thanks that we have not been left alone in the world to fend for ourselves, but that Jesus gives us purpose and that the Spirit equips and guides us to participate in God's work in the world.

14 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes, East-Central Wisconsin, Southwestern Washington and Saint Paul Area synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

15 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Northwest Washington, North/West Lower Michigan and Southeast Michigan synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel,

growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

16 *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* Set aside time each day this week to join Christians around the world as we pray for unity. Let this year's theme verse, from the Gospel of John, inspire you: "Abide in my love, and you will bear much fruit."

17 Give thanks and praise to God that, through the Spirit, we find words to proclaim the good news of Jesus, that all who listen may believe and experience new life, joy and freedom in Christ.

18 Thank God for our special relationship with the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, and pray that together we will find strength and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor, especially in these uncertain and challenging times.

19 Ask God to renew our self-discipline, patience, empathy, and spirit of community concern and care as we continue to fight the spread of COVID-19 and respond to its impact.

20 Give thanks that, at some point in our lives, the Spirit opened our hearts and minds to the testimony and invitation of our siblings in Christ, that we might be baptized into a new life in Jesus, follow the ways and commandments of God and experience the joy of eternal life.

21 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathering online for the assemblies of the Northwestern Minnesota, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast and Southeastern Iowa synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in choosing leaders, proclaiming the gospel, growing the church, serving our neighbor and doing God's work in an ever-changing world.

22 Pray for teachers and school staff who continue to adapt to changing education dynamics and requirements because of the pandemic. Ask God to grant them wisdom, creativity, patience, strength and renewed passion for their vocation as they serve students of all ages and abilities.

23 *Day of Pentecost* Praise God that the Spirit is present in our lives, helping us remain faithful, equipping us for our baptismal journey, inspiring us to share the gospel, filling us with love and compassion, and guiding us in everything we do.

24 Give thanks for the gifts, traditions, perspectives, insights and leaders of our global companions, which enrich our church, ministries and leaders.