

**ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH MOUSE
MAY 2023**



Sunday, May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 10:00 am

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Pentecost

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am

Katie Castro – Guest Preacher



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

I have been looking forward to May. We have three more weeks of Easter and then Pentecost Sunday. Throughout the readings, we have the assurance of Jesus' presence with us. And of course, Pentecost reminds us of God's dynamite power in the lives of the disciples; growing the church in numbers and maturity.

How is God speaking to us as we hear these familiar words of scripture each week? Shall we allow our hearing to be tuned to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today? In the book of Revelation, there is a phrase that's used seven different times throughout the book, "Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches" (Rev. 2:11).

How do we develop "an ear to hear?" For those of you who are parents or have had the care of children, you learn the sound of each child's voice. Mothers know their baby's cry. You certainly don't have that ability right out of the gate. It's developed over time.

It is the same with spiritual hearing. Are you able to quiet yourself during the day to listen? Listen to what? Listen to God, listen to your own heart. Listen to what God is saying to you personally, to what God is saying to us as a congregation, and to what God is saying to us in relation to the world.

The last Sunday of April was Good Shepherd Sunday. As I was reflecting on that, I could picture Christ the Good Shepherd leading us and surrounding us with his love and protection. We are God's beloved. And that's something God wants us to know: that God is

there for us in the hard times and the good times. God is with us, in us, around us.

Jesus told the people, "...the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers" (John 10:4-5).

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St. Timothy Church Council

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<i>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.</i>
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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 7 – The big sign unveiling!!

Yes, that’s the big event we said was coming in the near future and it’s here. St. Timothy is getting a new sign using memorial money from the past 4 years in memory of Naomi Bloomstran, John “Jack” Hanson, Gene Heil, Matt Isaacson, Arden Johnson, Beverly Klang, Paul Lindquist, Jerry Saar, Paul Samuelson, MajBritt Traynor, and Carolyn Wickerham. **Please join us following worship for this very special event!**

April Council Highlights

- May 7th set for new sign unveiling and dedication – after worship.
 - Memorial monies will be used to pay for the sign and landscaping.
 - Council is sending invitations to families of memorial gifts.
 - Coffee hour following dedication.
 - New landscaping needed around sign.
- Spring Clean Up will be Saturday, May 13th at 9 am.
 - Rain date will be May 20th.
 - Property has list of projects needing to be done.
- Pastor Ivy is looking for people interested in helping Refugee Families.
- 5 & 2 Packing is going well – 380 bags each month.
 - May 16th is last packing date until Fall.



Prayer Requests:

Kay Marker Magneson, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Thom Shagla, Joe Prall, Desmond Drischell, Sarah VanStaalduin, Charlene Hunter, Joe Gauvin, Emerson Allaby, Karen Brown, John Gingrass, those serving in the military and law enforcement and their families, including Christine Kaffka and Ben Wickerham, those caught up in violence and war who have no safe home in which to live.

5 Loaves & 2 Fish Backpack Ministry



We continuously collect food items for the 5 & 2 Ministry. Bring your donations and place in the black bin in church narthex. Lists detailing items needed are also available in the narthex. Monetary donations welcome! Contact Gale-Svenson-Campbell for details gales1949@gmail.com

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.*



16 Marc Oste
18 Amie Adams

27 Zoe Castro
28 Joshua Powers

MONTHLY READINGS

May 7 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Reading and Psalm

[Acts 7:55-60](#)

The martyrdom of Stephen

[Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16](#)

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

1 [Peter 2:2-10](#)

God's people chosen to proclaim God's mighty acts

[John 14:1-14](#)

Christ the way, truth, and life

May 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings and Psalm

[Acts 17:22-31](#)

Paul's message to the Athenians

[Psalm 66:8-20](#)

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)

1 [Peter 3:13-22](#)

The days of Noah, a sign of baptism

[John 14:15-21](#)

Christ our advocate

May 21 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Reading and Psalm

[Acts 1:6-14](#)

Jesus' companions at prayer after his departure

[Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35](#)

Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

1 [Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11](#)

God will sustain and restore those who suffer

[John 17:1-11](#)

Christ's prayer for his disciples

Readings and Psalm

May 28 Pentecost

Readings and Psalm

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

[Numbers 11:24-30](#) (alternate)

The Spirit comes upon the elders of Israel

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

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

1 [Corinthians 12:3b-13](#)

Varieties of gifts from the same Spirit

[Acts 2:1-21](#) (alternate)

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

[John 20:19-23](#)

The Spirit poured out

[John 7:37-39](#) (alternate)

The Spirit will provide living water



Sandy Alessi thanks all of us for our prayers for her husband, Vince. He is back to work and doing better each day.

We lost our friend Trudy Fetzner on April 22.

Remember to keep us up to date with your family news!

MAY 2023
WORSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
AT ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

	MAY 7	MAY 14	MAY 21	MAY 28	
Assistant Liturgist	Sarah Goebel	Kristie Bloomquist	Tammy Haas	Trish Pecuch	
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ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Healthy Bones will take a break until Fall.</p>	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Tai Chi 9:30am Tai Chi 12:00pm Choir 5pm</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>10:00 am Worship w/Communion Unveiling of New Sign</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Tai Chi 9:30am Tai Chi 12:00pm Choir 5pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Spring Clean-Up</p>
<p>14</p> <p>10:00 am Worship</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Ivy 15-18 Continuing Education</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5 & 2 Packing 7pm Marc Oste</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Tai Chi 9:30 am Tai Chi 12:00 pm Choir 5 pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Spring Clean-up Rain date</p>
<p>21</p> <p>10:00 am Worship w/Communion Church Council</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Ivy-Vacation 22 -29</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Tai Chi 9:30 am Tai Chi 12:00 pm Choir 5pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Zoe Castro</p>
<p>28</p> <p>10:00 am Worship Katie Castro-Preacher Joshua Powers</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>			

26 Give thanks and praise to God for the gift of the Holy Spirit, which enriches our faith and gives us the ability to witness to God's love and mercy and serve our neighbors everywhere.

27 Give thanks for the work of ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response, ministries of our church that gather our resources and combine them with those of domestic and global partners and companion churches to respond to our neighbors who have been impacted by hunger, poverty, injustice, and natural and human-caused disasters.

28 Day of Pentecost Praise God for the variety of gifts we have been given and how they complement the gifts of our siblings in Christ for spreading the gospel, growing the church, serving the needs of our neighbors and bringing hope to our communities and the world.

29 Memorial Day Remember, honor and give thanks for those in the armed forces who have given their lives for the sake of peace, justice and freedom. Pray for those who serve in harm's way today, that they will be safe and that their faith, courage and commitment to the well-being of others will be strengthened and sustained.

30 Pray for people engaged in seasonal work, that they will have adequate housing, fair wages, safe work environments and supportive communities and congregations; promise to express recognition and gratitude for their hospitality, gifts and service.

31 Ask God to help us discern our spiritual gifts – as individuals and as communities of faith – and where they are most needed in the church and the world.

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 Praise God that we are never alone or forgotten and that God is our comfort, courage and guide in every circumstance of life. "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me" (Psalm 23:4).

2 Asian American and Pacific Islander 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 the work and witness of ELCA Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries and the ELCA's Association of Asians and Pacific Islanders.

3 Pray for an end to the invasion of Ukraine and for a lasting peace that will lead to rebuilding, renewal and hope-filled visions of the future for the people and communities of Ukraine and its neighboring countries.

4 Ask God to help us face hardships, perplexing problems and worries with faith that produces confidence, courage, wisdom and a resilient spirit.

5 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Pacifica, Southwestern Washington, Metropolitan New York and Southeastern Pennsylvania synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

6 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Minnesota and Arkansas-Oklahoma synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

7 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

8 Pray that our baptismal journey and the work we do as children of God will be inspired and informed by the generous and compassionate example of Jesus, who reveals God's amazing love for humankind.

9 Give thanks for the work we do together through ELCA Mission Support and the funding it provides for the Lutheran Church of Rwanda's Bible school, which trains lay leaders, and for construction of a seminary in Rwanda to train and equip pastors and evangelists.

10 Lift up prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God for Jesus Christ, our Savior and the enduring cornerstone upon which our faith, life and church are built.

11 Remember in prayer college and university students preparing for finals, discerning their futures and wondering how God will use their particular skills, knowledge and passion for the sake of the world and serving our neighbors in need.

12 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Saint Paul Area and Northeastern Ohio synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

13 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the New Jersey Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

14 On Mother's Day thank God for mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers and expectant mothers, and pray for women struggling with parenting, women trying to conceive and women who cannot bear children of their own but serve as loving, caring and faithful adults in the lives of children and youth.

15 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Iowa (online) and Rocky Mountain synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

16 Ask the Spirit to strengthen our faith that Jesus Christ lives in us and continues to shape us throughout life until the day when he returns for us.

17 "Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; breath of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight" (*ELW* 398). Praise God for the gift of the Spirit, which awakens us to each day and sheds light on how we

can live as children of God and followers of Christ, eager to share the gospel, serve our neighbors and radiate hope in the world.

18 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes and Southeast Michigan synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

19 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

20 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Iowa (in-person), Oregon, East-Central Wisconsin, South-Central Wisconsin and West Virginia-Western Maryland synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

21 Our faith is centered in the good news of Jesus Christ and inspires gratitude, joy and a spirit of love and mercy. "Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord" (Psalm 68:32).

22 Pray for those recently diagnosed with cancer, who experience fear, hope, disbelief and difficult decisions; give thanks for health care professionals, chaplains, congregational ministries and cancer support groups that surround them and their families with care, encouragement and prayer.

23 What a life we live as disciples of Christ! We encounter temptations, humbling situations and conflict, yet we are emboldened by our faith and prodded forward by the Spirit in our baptismal journey. Give praise and thanks to God!

24 Pray for young people celebrating their graduations from high school and for parents and teachers who have equipped and encouraged them along the way; remember students who struggle with school, that they might have people in their lives who encourage and support them.

25 Remember in prayer candidates who serve in congregations and are involved in the ELCA Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) program; give thanks for the scholarship assistance provided by ELCA Fund for Leaders.