

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH MOUSE
APRIL, 2022



Sunday, April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Sunday, April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Thursday, April 14, 2022
Maundy Thursday

Worship in Church or Drive In With Communion 7:00 pm
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

Sunday, April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday

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

Sunday, April 24, 2022
Second Sunday in Easter

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am
Pastor Ivy Gauvin

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

Pastor's Ponderings

It is Spring—in spite of what the weather looks like. If we orient our thoughts to only what we see, then we miss out on the truth of God working beneath the surface. As we approach holy week, the time we remember the last hours of our Lord's life before his crucifixion, the scene is anything but happy.

For the disciples, their friend and Lord who they traveled with and learned from for the past three years will be leaving. They don't understand it, but Jesus keeps mentioning it. Whatever it is, I'm sure they thought it would be bad.

As hard as Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are, they are not the end, but just the beginning. On Easter, Jesus rises from the dead—conquering sin, death and the power of the devil. Death is so hard to deal with in this life. This year we've already lost several people. They are now part of the church triumphant.

The repercussions of death make us sad. If we concentrate on what we see, we may miss the work God is doing out of sight. Just as the disciples and the women who traveled with them were mourning Jesus' death, God was working to raise him from the dead. Boy were the women who went to the tomb surprised at what they saw, or maybe I should say didn't see. There was no body there for them to anoint. It was gone because Christ had triumphed.

I pray that in spite of the loss and difficulties of the past couple of years, that you will be able to enjoy time with family and friends this Easter. With the absence of loved ones who may have died, I pray that God will comfort you with good memories and God's presence.

I'd like to share with you the second verse of the Easter hymn, "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing."

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant
years in Palestine, but saving, healing here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.

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This is my prayer for you, that the living reality of Jesus Christ and your relationship with him would comfort and guide you now and always.

God's peace,
Pastor Ivy

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.

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7	Kevin Carlson	16	Ann Saar
8	Sandy Carlson	20	Thom Shagla
9	Michael Krott	20	Steve Sellstrom
15	Irene Terreberry	23	Marcia Stafford
15	Donna Ciancio	24	Diane Sloan

Bemus Point Friends of the Library meeting: Monday, April 4th, 7:00 pm at St. Timothy. All invited.

Membership Dues are \$10.00 for 2022.

Light refreshments and planning for library fundraisers as well as discussion of upcoming events of interest to the community. Any questions, please call Sarah Goebel at 716-450-2986



Prayer Requests: Family and friends of Gene Heil, Ginnie Sloan, Rose Johnson-Prieur, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Trudy Fetzner, Thom Shagla, Charlene Hunter, Nancy Purcell, Dave Bentley, Joe Gauvin, Emerson Allaby, Karen Brown, Tom West, John Alm, Eileen Beichner, John Gingrass, those serving in the military and law enforcement and their families, including Ben Wickerham, those caught up in violence and war who have no safe home in which to live.

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.*



LAST DAY TO ORDER EASTER LILIES IS APRIL 3.

MONTHLY READINGS

Sunday, April 3, 2022 Fifth Sunday in Lent

[Isaiah 43:16-21](#)

The LORD gives water in the wilderness to the chosen people

[Psalm 126](#)

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

[Philippians 3:4b-14](#)

To know Christ and his resurrection, to share in his sufferings

[John 12:1-8](#)

Mary anoints Jesus for his burial

Sunday, April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#)

The servant of the LORD submits to suffering

[Psalm 31:9-16](#)

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

[Philippians 2:5-11](#)

Humbled to the point of death on a cross

[Luke 22:14--23:56](#)

The passion of the Lord

[Luke 23:1-49](#) (alternate)

The passion of the Lord

Thursday, April 14, 2022 Maundy Thursday

[Exodus 12:1-4 \[5-10\] 11-14](#)

The passover of the LORD

[Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19](#)

I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)

[1 Corinthians 11:23-26](#)

Proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

[John 13:1-17, 31b-35](#)

The service of Christ: footwashing and meal

Sunday, April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

God raised Jesus on the third day

[Isaiah 65:17-25](#) (alternate)

New heavens and a new earth

[Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24](#)

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

[1 Corinthians 15:19-26](#)

Christ raised from the dead, the first fruits

[Acts 10:34-43](#) (alternate)

God raised Jesus on the third day

[Luke 24:1-12](#)

The women proclaim the resurrection

[John 20:1-18](#) (alternate)

Seeing the risen Christ

Sunday, April 24, 2022 Second Sunday of Easter

[Acts 5:27-32](#)

The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus

[Psalm 118:14-29](#)

You are my God, and I will exalt you. (Ps. 118:28)

[Psalm 150](#) (alternate)

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. (Ps. 150:6)

[Revelation 1:4-8](#)

Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, is coming

[John 20:19-31](#)

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

we can help

5 & 2 Donations. List of food items and sizes are available on the church website.

♦ Mailing in your weekly or monthly offering would be greatly appreciated for March if you haven't already done so.

TIMOTHY TIDBITS

Hello from St. Timothy! April Showers bring May Flowers....wait – snow on March 29??? Last month on Feb. 25, we lost **Caroline Wickerham** to be with her Lord. She was a wonderful, cheerful lady who will be missed. On March 26, **Gene Heil** died and will be truly missed. He was a very active part of our St. Timothy family. Our prayers are with both families. **Sarah Van Staalduimen**, Pastor Ivy's daughter has become part owner of Better Power Inc. Congratulations to Sarah and the 3 other current employees/new owners on their exciting venture. Welcome to **Maverick Neal McGaughy**, our newest Christian who was baptized on March 17. He is the son of Amanda and the grandson of **Donna Ciancio**. **Ginnie Sloan** has had her hip replacement and is recovering at home. She'll be back in church before you know it!

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



Baptism of Maverick McGaughy Sunday, March 27. Pictured here left to right: Pr. Ivy Gauvin, Donna Ciancio, Maverick McGaughy and his mom, Amanda. More photos available on St. Timothy website <http://www.sttimothybemus.com>.



THINK SPRING!

ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:00 am Worship w/Communion Bible Study 10:45	4 Healthy Bones 9 am	5 Kevin Carlson	6 Healthy Bones 9 am	7 Tai Chi 9:30 & 12 Choir 5:00 pm	8 Ellery Senior Citizens 11:30 – 1:30 Sandy Carlson	9 Gene Heil Funeral 2:00 pm Visitation 3:00 pm Service Michael Krott
10 PALM SUNDAY 10:00 am Worship w/Communion 	11 Healthy Bones 9 am	12	13 Healthy Bones 9am	14 Maundy Thursday 7 pm Worship With Communion NO Tai Chi Choir 5:00 pm	15  Irene Terreberry Donna Ciancio	16 Ann Saar
17 EASTER SUNDAY 10:00 am Worship w/Communion 	18 Easter Monday Healthy Bones 9 am 	19 5 & 2 Packing 7 pm	20 Healthy Bones 9 am Tom Shagla Steve Sellstrom	21 Tai Chi 9:30 & 12 Choir 5:00 pm	22	23 Carolyn Wickerham- Memorial 11:30 am Marcia Stafford
24 10:00 am Worship 11:00 Council Meeting Diane Sloan	25 Healthy Bones 9 am	26	27 Healthy Bones 9 am	28 Tai Chi 9:30 & 12 Choir 5:00 pm	29	30

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WORSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
AT ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

	APRIL 3	APRIL 10	APRIL 17	APRIL 24	
Assistant Liturgist	Sarah Goebel	Kristie Bloomquist		Kristie Bloomquist	
Ushers/Greeters	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	Marty Hunt Linda Milks	

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24 What nagging questions do you have about Scripture, faith or God's actions in the world? Amid a life of doubt and uncertainty, ask God to grant us reassurance and insight; pray that our faith and belief will grow deeper and stronger through the work of the Spirit, the support of our siblings in Christ and the opportunities for study, prayer and discernment in our communities of faith.

25 Pray for church leaders and congregations participating in Valparaiso University's Institute of Liturgical Studies, a source of renewal and recreation through worship, music, study and reflection on the church's challenges and opportunities after the pandemic.

26 "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" (Psalm 150:6). Consider how each thing you do today can glorify God.

27 Pray for congregations and communities preparing for severe weather, that they might preserve human life, respond to community needs, and prove resilient in the face of natural disaster. Give thanks for our ability to respond to disasters through Lutheran Disaster Response in collaboration with companion churches, disaster response organizations and ecumenical partners.

28 Give thanks for ELCA Young Adult Ministries, Young Adults in Global Mission and their work of providing inspiration, opportunities, connections and resources to young adults and people facilitating young adult ministries.

29 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana, Northeastern Minnesota and Arkansas-Oklahoma synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

30 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Minneapolis Area Synod, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod and Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

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.



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PRAYER VENTURES

— APRIL 2022 —

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 *Arab American Heritage Month* Remember in prayer the diverse gifts, cultures, heritages and stories of our Arab and Middle Eastern neighbors and siblings in Christ, who remind us of the rich history and tradition of Christ's church in the world. Ask God to bless and advance the advocacy, witness, leadership development and support for ministries provided by ELCA Arab and Middle Eastern Ministries and the Association of Lutherans of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage.

2 Give thanks for the resources of our church, including ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving, which guides us through Lent and helps us pray, study Scripture, respond to our neighbors in need and give generously for the good of communities around the world.

3 Pray that we will each use our unique gifts and passions as disciples of Christ, called to share the gospel and serve our neighbors, and that we will trust the Spirit to equip, inspire and embolden us for doing God's work in the world, together.

4 Give thanks for the commitment and work of planning team leaders, volunteers, youth ministry leaders in congregations and churchwide organization staff who prepared for the now-canceled 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering and are now refocusing their attention on the 2024 event; ask the Spirit to guide, strengthen and enliven their work.

5 Remember in prayer our neighbors in countries and regions beset by conflict, civil unrest or violence, including places we have forgotten because they have slipped from the headlines. Pray for healing, hope and strength for our neighbors who suffer trauma, loss, displacement or uncertainty, and pray that leaders will work to resolve conflicts, reconcile enemies and forge new relationships based on justice, respect for human life and mutual concern.

6 Pray that God will comfort and stir hope and joy in those who suffer grief; ask God to help us be present with them in their sorrow, bringing empathy, respect, support and patience.

7 Give thanks for Women of the ELCA and women of all ages who gather in more than 4,500 locations in the United States and the Caribbean for service, study, advocacy and fellowship, mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

8 Ask the Spirit to make us purveyors of grace, joy and unexpected generosity, especially to people who live with worry, despair, turmoil or loneliness.

9 *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (1906-1945)* Remember and give thanks for our siblings in Christ – past and present – who risk their lives for justice, the well-being of our neighbors and the truth of the gospel. Pray that their witness, courage and sacrifice will inspire and guide our pursuit of justice and peace in the world.

10 *Palm Sunday* Jesus endured false accusations, betrayal by his closest followers, an unfair trial, public humiliation and the pain of death on a cross for our salvation and the fulfillment of God's promises. Give praise and thanks to the Son of God, the promised Messiah!

11 Pray for pastors and seminary students serving as chaplains for the armed forces, Veterans Affairs hospitals and federal correctional institutions, and for pastors serving in other contexts, including hospitals, nursing homes, hospice programs, social ministry programs, state and local correctional facilities, and organizations serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

12 Give joyful thanks that God's boundless, unimaginable love is made known to us in ways that we can grasp: through Jesus Christ's humble birth, life of service, suffering, death and resurrection.

13 Ask God to renew and strengthen our commitment and courage to face the painful truth of gun violence in our country – to prevent gun violence; attend to individuals, families and communities traumatized by it; advocate for common-sense gun safety laws; and care for the perpetrators of violent acts.

14 *Maundy Thursday* "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35). Pray that we will be mindful of how we bear witness to Jesus through our humility, sacrificial service, words of love and Spirit-inspired actions.

15 *Good Friday* Reflect on what we see in the cross, the feelings it evokes and what it represents in our faith and life. Pray that through the symbol of the cross we might see God's unconstrained power over death and God's awesome gift of grace that gives us life – both new life in the present and life eternal.

16 Pray that we will bear God's grace, mercy, hope and kindness to incarcerated youth and adults who experience isolation from society, our communities and the church.

17 *Easter Day* "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). Hallelujah! Shout prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the enduring, trustworthy gifts of love, forgiveness, healing and new life fulfilled by God in the resurrection of Jesus Christ – our Savior, teacher, hope and salvation.

18 Give thanks for faith-based preschools and day care centers that encourage faith, support parents and serve communities. Pray that their teachers, staff and administrators will be strengthened for their work providing safe and nurturing care for children.

19 Pray that the gifts of forgiveness, love and new life we receive through Jesus will fill us with joy, moving us to share the good news and work for healing and justice in the world.

20 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Western Iowa Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.

21 Pray that the Spirit will lead us into conversations about faith and the good news of Jesus Christ with people we encounter in our daily lives; pray that we will see God working through us even when we feel uncomfortable or imperfect in expressing our faith.

22 *Earth Day* The mysteries and awe of creation defy our comprehension and stir wonder in us. Give praise, gratitude and recognition for all God has made for our sustenance and joy; pray that we will be wise, generous, responsible stewards and restorers of the earth's resources for the glory of our Creator.

23 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Alaska Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders, proclaim the gospel, serve our neighbor and do God's work in the world.