

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



**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

**Palm Sunday**

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

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Thursday, April 6, 2023**

**Maundy Thursday**

Worship 6:00 pm With Communion

Paster Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, April 9, 2023**

**Easter Sunday**

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

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**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

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

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Worship in Church or Drive In 10:00 am

Pastor Ivy Gauvin

**Sunday, April 30, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of 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 PONDERING-* By Pastor Ivy

I know we say and think this all the time, but where has the time gone? Doesn't it seem like it was just Christmas and wintertime? Now we're in Spring, we've sprung forward in time, and we are seeing the sun more frequently (yeah!).

It will soon be Easter, but not too fast. First, we have Holy Week's Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, as we go with Jesus to the Cross and his death and burial. If we rush to Easter and the resurrection after Palm/Passion Sunday, we're missing something. Those in-between days are important. No cross. No crown.

Skipping over those days makes us theologians of glory, who place greater emphasis on human abilities and human reason. Basically, who needs Jesus? We are self-sufficient, independent people who don't need anybody's help (Martin Luther).

Where does that leave us? Martin Luther also taught the theology of the cross. This "theology ...posits 'the cross' (that is, divine self-revelation) as the only source of knowledge concerning who God is and how God saves" (Wikipedia). In other words, we cannot know God or do God's will apart from the cross of Christ.

I'm thinking about the children and families of Nashville, enduring yet another school shooting. How much can we focus on the joy of Easter when our sisters and brothers are in such pain? They are experiencing the depths of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. May we lift them up in prayer as we continue with our march to the cross and resurrection. May we not become so inward and concerned with everyday stuff that we don't see or feel for those around us who are hurting.

Don't just go to Sunday's parade (Palm Sunday) and the Easter celebration. You'll be missing out on the gist of the gospel. "And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for the one who for their sake died and was raised" (II Corinthians 5:15). We have lots to give thanks for and celebrate, but we have to go through death before we get to lif

**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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| 5 Kevin Carlson     | 16 Ann Saar        |
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## 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

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## Prayer Requests

The family and friends of Pastor Alan Anderson, the family and friends of Joyce Johnson, Kay Marker Magnuson, Roy Pihl, George Balcom, Trudy Fetzner, Thom Shagla, Desmond Drischell, Vince Alessi, Sarah VanStaalduin, Charlene Hunter, Joe Gauvin, Emerson Allaby, Karen Brown, Tom West, 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.

ONLINE GIVING at St. Timothy for Debit/Credit cards

*Three ways to give:*

- Go directly to our website at [www.sttimothybemus.com](http://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.*



## MONTHLY READINGS

### April 2, Palm Sunday

#### Reading and Psalm

[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*

[Matthew 26:14--27:66](#)

*The passion of the Lord*

[Matthew 27:11-54](#) (alternate)

*The passion of the Lord*

### April 6, Maundy Thursday

#### Readings and Psalm

[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*

### April 9, Easter Sunday

#### Readings and Psalm

[Acts 10:34-43](#)

*God raised Jesus on the third day*

[Jeremiah 31:1-6](#) (alternate)

*Joy at the restoration of God's people*

[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)*

[Colossians 3:1-4](#)

*Raised with Christ to seek the higher things*

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

*God raised Jesus on the third day*

[Matthew 28:1-10](#)

*Proclaim the resurrection*

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

*Seeing the risen Christ*

### April 16, Second Sunday of Easter

#### Readings and Psalm

[Acts 2:14a, 22-32](#)

*Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David*

[Psalm 16](#)

*In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)*

[1 Peter 1:3-9](#)

*New birth to a living hope through the resurrection*

[John 20:19-31](#)

*Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*

## April 23, Third Sunday of Easter

### Readings and Psalm

[Acts 2:14a, 36-41](#)

*Receiving God's promise through baptism*

[Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19](#)

*I will call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)*

[1 Peter 1:17-23](#)

*Born anew through the living word of God*

[Luke 24:13-35](#)

*Eating with the risen Christ*

## April 30, Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Readings and Psalms

[Acts 2:42-47](#)

*The believers' common life*

[Psalm 23](#)

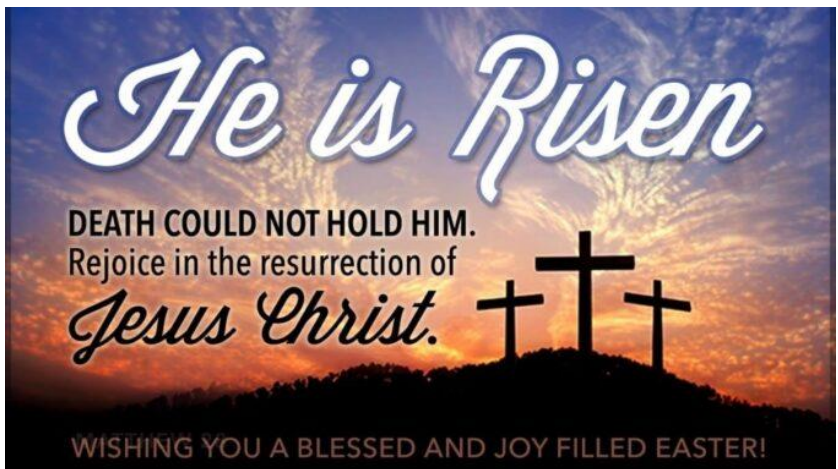
*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)*

[1 Peter 2:19-25](#)

*Follow the shepherd, even in suffering*

[John 10:1-10](#)

*Christ the shepherd*





#### ST TIMOTHY TIDBITS

Can you believe we had snow on March 29<sup>th</sup>?  
In March we lost Joyce Johnson on March 30 and  
Pastor Alan Anderson March 25. Pastor Alan  
was our Transition Pastor for a few years at  
St. Timothy while we were in between pastors.

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

**APRIL 2023**  
**WORSHIP AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**  
**AT ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

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# ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00 am Worship w/Communion 	3 Healthy Bones 9am	4	5 Healthy Bones 9am Kevin Carlson	6 Tai Chi 9:30am Tai Chi 12:00pm Maundy Thursday Service 6pm	7 	8 Sandy Carlson
9 10:00 am Worship w/Communion  Mike Krott	10 Healthy Bone 9am Easter Monday	11	12 Healthy Bones 9am	13 Tai Chi 9:30 am Tai Chi 12:00 pm Choir 5 pm	14 Ellery Senior Citizens 11:30 am  Memorial Service for Pastor Anderson 11am First Lutheran	15 Irene Terreberry Donna Ciancio
16 10:00 am Worship w/Communion Church Council  Ann Saar	17 Healthy Bones 9am	18 5 & 2 Packing 7pm 	19 Healthy Bones 9am	20 Tai Chi 9:30 am Tai Chi 12:00 pm Choir 5pm Thom Shagla Steve Sellstrom	21	22
23 10:00 am Worship Marcia Stafford  30 10:00 am Worship	24 Healthy Bones 9am  Dianne Sloan	25	26 Healthy Bones 9 am	27 Tai Chi 9:30 am Tai Chi 12:00 pm Choir 5pm	28	29

27 Lift up prayerful sighs of relief and gratitude that God is our help and refuge, trustworthy and ever present. "My Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm" (ELW 333).

28 How is the Spirit at work in you? Pray that we will be mindful of how the Spirit dwells within us and of the diverse and surprising results of its work.

29 Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global companions in Slovakia: Megan Freudenberg, Naomi and Nicholas Sveholm, the Rev. Kyle and Anna Svennungsen, the Rev. Bradn Buerkle, Elizabeth Kuster, Michelle Lauder milk, Mitchell McDonald, John Rogers and Christina Sunstone.

30 Give thanks for the Lilly Endowment grant that will enable the ELCA and ELCA Youth Ministry Network to collaborate on new models for youth ministry, equip 3,000 leaders for ministry with younger generations and provide ELCA congregations with accessible and affordable resources to engage youth in faith formation.

31 Pray that our congregations will prove resilient to the severe weather that often comes with spring, serving as centers for relief, shelter and hope when disasters occur in their communities.

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*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 *Woman's History Month* Remember, celebrate and give thanks for the contributions, achievements, leadership, wisdom and gifts of women and girls throughout history in the church, our communities and the world.

2 In January there were 52 mass shootings in our nation. Pray that God will hear our yearning for the peace, safety and transformation of our society for the sake of protecting life. Ask the Spirit to awaken us from the fear, numbness and feelings of powerlessness that can discourage us from taking risks and making sacrifices that will lead to consequential change in our nation.

3 Pray for people and communities impacted by flooding and storms in California and by tornadoes, flooding and severe weather across the southern United States. Remember those who grieve the loss of loved ones and homes, those suffering trauma and those in the long process of recovery, especially those without shelter and most vulnerable.

4 Pray that the invasion of Ukraine will end and that Russia will halt the violence that stands in the way of peace, reconciliation, recovery and healing. Pray especially for those who suffer most from the unrelenting misery, violence and destruction.

5 Ask God for the curiosity, boldness and humility of Nicodemus, a Pharisee who sought to understand Jesus, the ways of God and the work of the Spirit.

6 Remember in prayer people and communities recovering from the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Ask God to sustain their hope, ease their grief and give them the resources they need for relief and rebuilding, especially in remote areas.

7 Give thanks for siblings in Christ, throughout history and in the present, who proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and incite our faith in God's promise of love and forgiveness.

**8 *International Women's Day*** On this day we join our neighbors and siblings in Christ around the world in praying for the total inclusion, equity and advancement – social, economic and political – of women and girls everywhere. Give thanks for the work we do together through the ELCA International Women Leaders program, the Justice for Women program and ELCA World Hunger.

**9** Pray that when we see or use the symbol of the cross, we will remember the sacrifice made by the Son of God – Jesus Christ – for the sake of the world, to free us from the constraints of human weakness, fear and death.

**10** “I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth” (Psalm 121:1-2). Give thanks that God is mindful of our struggles and uncertainties and provides care, support and counsel through the people around us, including strangers. In turn, ask God to work through us so that we will be alert, empathetic and responsive to the needs of our neighbors.

**11** Pray for college and university students during spring break, that they will be renewed, build friendships and serve their neighbors in need through service-learning experiences.

**12** “I heard the voice of Jesus say, ‘Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live’” (*ELW* 611). Give thanks that God attends to our spiritual thirst through the life-giving gift of Jesus Christ, who restores and sustains us to face life’s challenges, share the gospel and do God’s work in the world.

**13** Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global companions in Asia and the Pacific: the Rev. Jeffrey Truscott and the Rev. Charles Peterson (Indonesia), the Rev. Jessica Derise (Thailand) and Julie Gerrish (Malaysia).

**14** Pray that our prayer and song will express our joy, thanksgiving and praise to God – our creator, our defender and our source of salvation.

**15** Give thanks for mid-week Lenten meals that draw us together; that we might reflect on our humanness, find hope and comfort in God’s love and mercy, and strengthen our unity as children of God and siblings in Christ.

**16** Pray that, when we experience quarreling, division and hardship as a community of faith, we will trust one another as siblings in Christ and turn to God for reassurance, knowing that the Spirit leads us to reconciliation and unity.

**17** Thank God for the ELCA’s special relationship with the Moravian Church in America, a full communion partner since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

**18** Give thanks to God for those who harvest the abundance of lakes, rivers and oceans to feed themselves and others. Pray that they will be safe, that their fishing will be successful and that they will wisely and generously steward our food resources and environment for the sake of all generations.

**19** Pray that, as our neighbors suffer misfortune, poverty, hunger, homelessness or physical or mental illness, we will not judge them, blame them or decide where they do and don’t belong but will instead respond as Jesus did, with boundless mercy, respect, care and hospitality.

**20** Remember in prayer leaders meeting in Minneapolis for the Assistants and Associates to Bishops Gathering. Pray that their faith, lives and ministries will be enriched and supported by their time together.

**21** Give thanks that God has brought us out of darkness and into the light of Christ, which reveals what is good, just and pleasing to God.

**22 *World Water Day*** Praise God for the gift of water in all its forms. Pray that we will not take water for granted or squander it. Ask the Spirit to guide and sustain our efforts to guarantee all people and communities access to clean, safe and abundant water, a life-nourishing resource and gift from God.

**23** Pray for the leaders across our church who serve on the ELCA Church Council. Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire their deliberations and work, which support, shape and further the growth and mission of our church in the world.

**24 *Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador (1917-1980)*** Give thanks for the life of Bishop Romero and those who demonstrate courage and persistence in their faith, public witness, compassion and advocacy. Pray for those who still suffer poverty, violence, oppression and injustice in Central America.

**25** With joy and thanksgiving, praise God for drawing us close and restoring our relationships, and celebrate that nothing can separate us from God’s love, demonstrated to us through the life, sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**26** Amid solemn Lenten reflections, take heart and give thanks for the promise and proclamation Jesus made to Martha, the sister of Lazarus: “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live” (John 11:25).