

St Timothy Announcements February 20-21

Reminder! Each week Sunday School lessons for children through adult are posted to our St Timothy website. Use the lessons for personal or family devotions during the week. Our Lenten devotionals are available online, or you can stop by pick one up in the office

Our Tuesday afternoon & Wednesday evening Bible Studies continue to meet on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m and Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Our Tuesday study is a discussion based study on the lives of the disciples and the miracles of Jesus. The Wednesday night study is on the weekly lectionary scriptures led by Pastor Curt. Hope you can join us!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/242640241> Meeting ID: 242 640 241

Our St Timothy Centering Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays from 1:00-1:45 p.m.. This is a time of praying the scriptures (Lectio Divina), and contemplative prayer, creating space to listen to the “still small voice” of the Spirit. God does the work, our call is to be present. No experience necessary. Come and go as your schedule allows. Centering Prayer 1-1:20 p.m.; Lectio Divina/Reflection 1:20-1:40 p.m. Please Note: This group has a different Zoom meeting log in:

For more information contact Mary Delasin. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85880536085?pwd=QUZCanJCVmdsejBhVXM4SXFhcndBdz09>

Meeting ID: 858 8053 6085. Passcode: 411402

Cross+Trainers Youth Group (5th-12th grades) will meet next Sunday, February 28 at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom. Cross +Trainers will meet every 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 5:00 p.m. All youth currently in 5th grade through high school are invited to join us.

Thank you to everyone participating in our St Timothy Prayer Partners! Each month, participants are assigned 3-5 members of our congregation to reach out to by phone, text, email or written note to let them know you are praying for them. Then commit to intentionally pray for those people all month. If you would like to participate, please contact Mary Delasin

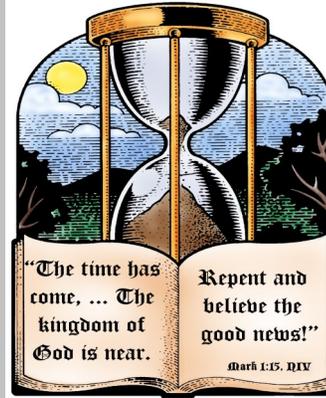
Please continue to send your prayer requests and praise reports to to Natalie in the office, or through Gaye Fernandes, our prayer chain coordinator, so we can raise them up in prayer together.

And just a reminder, To continue your weekly offering you can mail your envelope to the church, use GivePlus, our online giving link which is on the front page of our website or on the Give Plus app which is also available to download for your phone. You can also use bill pay through your own bank or drop your offering off at the church office.

For more Information please contact Mary Delasin, Director of Discipleship at Discipleship@mylutheran.com

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February 20 & 21, 2020
1st Service in Lent

OUR MISSION
A caring church sharing Jesus
Christ with the world by
offering help, hope and home.

WE WORSHIP OUR GOD!
Host and Head of Our Church
Jesus Christ

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.

Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

KYRIE

Sung

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, eleison, eleison. Amen

GATHERING HYMN O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days Hymn 319

O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and you won;
your faithfulness endured;
lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust
in God's eternal word.

Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed
and fixed your mind above;
so teach us to deny ourselves
that we may know God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord,
and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns,
we join in heaven's praise.

GREETING

The immeasurable grace of Christ Jesus,
the rich mercy of God,
and the unity of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17



Mark 1:14

“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....”

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.



Plead[a] my cause, O Lord, with those who strive with me

Fight against those who fight against me.2 Take hold of shield and [b] buckler, and stand up for help. Psalm 35:1-2

Our Service Men & Women and Frontline workers
Terynce and all foster children
The Family of Holly
The Family of Lorraine Schlueter
The Family of Sheryl Weaver
The Family of Ginny Russo
The Family of Guy Wilcox
The Family of Deputy Magli Alan
Barbara Huth
Brenda, Ray and Family
Cliff Thomas
Donna Hulen
Helen Williams
Johnny Sehlmeier
Judy Thomas

Peggy Waggoner
Tom Hill

Daily Scripture Readings (Week of February 22-27, 2021)

Mon.	Psalm 77 Job 4:1-21 Ephesians 2:1-10	Thurs.	Psalm 22:23-31 Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18 Romans 3:21-31
Tues.	Psalm 77 Job 5:8-27 1 Peter 3:8-18a	Fri.	Psalm 22:23-31 Genesis 16:1-6 Romans 4:1-12
Wed.	Psalm 77 Proverbs 30:1-9 Matthew 4:1-11	Sat.	Psalm 22:23-31 Genesis 16:7-15 Mark 8:27-30

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

BLESSING

You are what God made you to be:
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
chosen as holy and beloved,
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing,
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN A Mighty Fortress is Our God Hymn 505

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Rest in God. Rise to serve.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PSALM Psalm 25:1-10

¹To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. R**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day
long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way. R**

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung

We do not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word that comes from your mouth,
O Jesus Christ, Son of the living God.

The words of eternal life for today are recorded in the Gospel according to
Mark 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **When We Are Tested**

Hymn 922

When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.

When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.

When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the pow'r to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.

When we have struggled and searched through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

THE PRAYERS

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction (*especially . . . here local environmental concerns may be named*). Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer (*especially*). Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern (*especially*). Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.