

Sunday, July 13, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Pentecost 5



Vision Statement:

**Living in God's amazing grace,
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
nurtures relationships, celebrates
diversity and opens doors so that
we may be a glimpse of
God's kingdom.**

Caring, Sharing, Daring
St. Timothy Mission Statement:
We intentionally reach out,
seeking and serving, sharing the joy of Jesus Christ

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Welcome to St. Timothy! We are honored to have you in worship with us this morning. Please respect the social distancing wishes of those around you. Holy Communion is at the altar or individual tiny cups of grape juice and wafer are at the church entrance. A short explanation of how the sets are used is on page 8 under the Distribution.

GATHERING

Call to Worship

O God of Love, O King of Peace

ELW 749

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Thanksgiving Confession and Forgiveness

(Please rise as you are able)

P: Alleluia! Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,

C: and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Alleluia!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW 769

Pastoral Greeting: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day *(together)*

C: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

“Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe. The Word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

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

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

**Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.**

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

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
goodness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in

the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise as you are able)

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please rise as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

When the Poor Ones

ELW 725

The Apostles' Creed (together)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come 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.**

(Please be seated)

Prayers of Intercession

A: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

(A brief silence)

A: Saving God, awaken your church to your truth as it follows your path of love. Encourage pastors, deacons, teachers, and seminarians, and lead them as they seek to learn your ways. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Prosper the harvests of fruit-bearing bushes, trees, and plants. Uphold farmers and farm workers as they labor through summer days, and bring relief to lands that are parched with heat. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. Make peace in places of conflict especially Gaza, Iran, Israel, and Ukraine, the civil wars in Myanmar, Syria and Sudan, conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and ongoing insurgencies in Sub-Saharan Africa. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing especially Kristina, Mary, Christine, Linda Wabs, Anthony L., Leslie, Deanna, Diane, Ron, Herb, Greta, Georgia, and Ernie. Carry your people when grief is heavy, especially LaShonda and family at the loss of her son. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Go with all who travel, and protect them from harm. Put in their paths people who offer aid. We pray especially for the safety of first responders. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered, quietly or to the congregation)

A: We give you thanks for all who have gone before us and have made your love known. Help us to follow their witness as we await our share in the inheritance of the saints. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

(Please rise as you are able for sharing of the Peace & The Great Thanksgiving)

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

Offertory Hymn: *Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow* ELW 885
Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Offering Prayer: *(together)*

C: Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor, that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...join the unending hymn:

Hymn: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, ELW page 144b*
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

(Please be seated)

Words of Institution

DISTRIBUTION

We welcome you to the Lord's Table to share the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us. If taking communion from the pews, pick up one of the communion plastic cups at the church entrance. When invited by Pastor, take the top off the wafer side and eat. When invited, remove the covering over the drink and drink. Place the empty cup in the container at the end of your pew. If taking communion at the rail, ushers will guide you down the side aisle. Please pick up a small chalice as you approach the rail. When space allows, kneel as you are able at the rail. Take and eat the bread, and drink the wine or grape juice. Afterwards, set the chalice on the table in the middle aisle and continue down the aisle to your pew.

Lord's Prayer (together)

**C: 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Distribution Hymns:	<i>Lamb of God</i>	<i>ELW page 146b</i>
	<i>Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart</i>	<i>ELW 800</i>
	<i>By Your Hand You Feed Your People</i>	<i>ELW 469</i>

(Please rise as you are able)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (together)

**C: Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing:

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn:	<i>As We Gather at Your Table</i>	<i>ELW 522</i>
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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW 708

We give God thanks or lift before God:

- + For our nation and the world that all might put love, generosity, compassion and patience first.
- + For homeless people as they struggle to stay hydrated and to find shelter.
- + For St. Timothy and all churches, that the Holy Spirit would continue to inspire, encourage, and guide us in God's mission to love the world.
- + Give strength to those with challenges at work, home, and in their personal lives.
- + For the effort of Cultivate Initiatives for people in need in S.E. Multnomah County.
- + For Kristina Heitmann in her ongoing health concerns.
- + For Leslie as she recovers at home.
- + For Tanner according to her needs.
- + Ernie Rippe for continuous recovery.
- + Linda Wabs for cancer treatment.
- + For Anthony L. & family for healing as he continues with cancer treatments.
- + For Dorian & family according to their needs.
- + For Lindsay according to her needs.
- + For Georgia Vogeles as she continues to heal.
- + For Deanna for healing.
- + For Diane Verdier for healing.
- + For peace and comfort for Delores and her family at the death of her son, Robbie.
- + Herb Bartling recovering from a broken vertebrae.
- + For LaShonda and family mourning the death of her son.
- + For Greta for comfort and healing.

Daily Readings for July 14-19

Monday, James 2:1-7

Tuesday, Psalm 25:11-20

Wednesday, Matthew 25:31-46

Thursday, Genesis 18:1-10

Friday, Psalm 15

Saturday, Colossians 1:15-28

Next Sunday, July 20

Genesis 18:1-10, Psalm 15,
Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Pentecost 5, July 13, 2025

9:20 am—Choir practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after Service

Monday 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours

Tuesday 11 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours

Wednesday 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours

10 am—11:30 am Pastor Hamada's office hours

Thursday 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours

Friday 10 am—1 pm Pastor Hamada's office hours

Saturday 9:00 am—12 pm Property work party (contact Ray W.)

Next Sunday 6th Sunday after Pentecost, July 20, 2025

9:20 am—Choir Practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after service

Education Committee meeting after church

July Worship Services

If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.

	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Sherry W.	Ray W.	Shannon H.	Sherry W.
Lector	Shannon H.	Lisa S.	Cathy H.	Twila R.
Usher	Gladys K. & Greta C.	Steve & LeAnn T.	Skip & Marcia E.	James G. & Jayce
Sunday Sch. Helper	Amanda M. & Michelle G.	Briget D. & Cathy H.	Amanda M. & Michelle G.	Briget D. & Cathy H.
Communion	Elaine S. & Gladys K.	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Cathy H.	Candace O & Gladys K
Video & Sound	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.
Counters	Ray W. & Candace O.	Elaine S. & Candace O.	Ray W. & Tim H.	Elaine S. & Cathy H.
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coordinator	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God is doing great things here at St. Timothy. Our ministry is grounded in the 3P's:

PASTOR + PEOPLE = PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL

HOLY COMMUNION: We have communion at the altar railing or at your seat in the pew. See page 8 under Distribution.

WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE on Sundays at 10 am at:

[Zoom.us meeting 846 9586 7893 code: 307128](#)

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: We served 66 people this second week of July. The next pickup from the Portland Food Project is not until August 9th. Shoppers we are currently in need of almost everything: protein items like tuna, canned chicken, spam, Vienna sausages, etc, soups, fruit, snacks (fruit cups, granola, etc), rice and dry beans/peas, pasta, water, juice boxes, peanut butter, chili/canned pasta, personal hygiene (dental, soap, shampoo). We so appreciate all of you.

Pastor Don Maier passed away this past week. He served St. Timothy for 20+ years. If you would to send a card to Sylvia you can mail it to 12507 Greenwood Ave N, Unit A312, Seattle WA, 98133. The service will be July 13th at Phinney Ridge, WA.

OFFICE MANAGER POSITION: We continue to recruit for the parttime Office Manager position. We will start interviewing the applicants who have already submitted a resume in the next week or so. If you know someone who is interested, please encourage them to submit an application ASAP.

SUMMER INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES: Please pick up information regarding Portland Parks and Multnomah County Libraries on the children's table.

ADOPT A FLOWERBED OR PLOT OF LAND : The property committee is asking the congregation if there are individuals or families that would consider adopting a flowerbed/plot of land at the church to maintain and beautify nine months out of the year. Contact Ray @ 503-936-7439 (text please).

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO DONATE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS? Try Community Warehouse. They just opened a new location at 464 NE 219th Ave, Gresham OR. Most needed items are kitchenware (pots & pans, dishes, silverware, & small appliances), linens (towels, blankets, sheets, & pillows), and furniture (sofas, armchairs, tables & chairs, dressers, mattresses & box springs). Donation drop-off hours are Wed-Sat, 10 am to 5 pm. You can also schedule a pick-up if you can't deliver the items.

OTHER EVENTS:

Celebrate Centennial at the Concert in the Park on July 25th, 6:30-9:30, at Verdell Burdine Park, 16555 SE Mill. Music, food and more.