

Sunday, July 20, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Pentecost 6



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

Come, Beloved of the Maker

ELW 306

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.

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: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those
who fear the Lord.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their
word.**

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission

that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise as you are able)

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please rise as you are able)

Hymn of the Day ***Jesus, the Very Thought of You***

ELW 754

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: Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. 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: Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair especially Kristina, Mary, Christine, Linda Wabs, Anthony L., Leslie, Deanna, Diane, Ron, Herb, Greta, Georgia, Roger, Johann, and Ernie. Carry your people when grief is heavy, especially for the family of Pastor Don Maier at his passing, and LaShonda and family at the loss of her son. Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

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

A: For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Trusting in your loving kindness, 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>Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor</i>	<i>ELW 475</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: ***Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak*** *ELW 676*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Give Me Jesus ELW 770

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 Vogele 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.
- + The family of Don Maier at his passing
- + For Johann according to his needs.

Daily Readings for July 21-26

Monday, Psalm 119:97-104

Tuesday, John 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday, John 6:41-51

Thursday, Genesis 18:20-32

Friday, Mark 10:35-45

Saturday, Colossians 2:6-19

Next Sunday, July 27

Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 138,
Colossians 2:6-19, Luke 11:1-13

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Pentecost 6, July 20, 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 7th Sunday after Pentecost, July 27, 2025

9:20 am—Choir Practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after service

70th Anniversary Planning

Short Executive Council Meeting

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 65 people this third 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 June 28, 2025. 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.

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.

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE will be meeting at 11:30 am on Monday, July 28th to discuss the Church Picnic.

COUNCIL—please help us have a full newsletter by submitting your articles for the newsletter to the office by Wednesday, July 30th. Thank you.

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.