

Sunday, July 27, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Pentecost 7



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 9 under the Distribution.

GATHERING

Call to Worship

*It's Me, Oh Lord
standing in the need of prayer.*

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

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

ELW 544

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: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said,

“Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me;

O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-19

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the

uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise as you are able)

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks

receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please rise as you are able)

Hymn of the Day ***Forgive Our Sins, As We Forgive*** ELW 605

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: Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer. Raise up leaders to teach Christ's devotion to prayer and model Christ's way of prayer, until all people experience prayerful intimacy with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Reveal to humanity the sacredness of all creation. With the breath of your Spirit, realign the balances of nature. Grant persistence in prayer and action for the sake of the earth, our common home. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Teach rulers of the earth to sing of your ways, caring for the lowly and having no preference for the powerful. Direct the heart of every person to seek your will on earth as in heaven. 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 to all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. We pray especially for especially Kristina, Mary, Christine, Linda Wabs, Anthony L., Leslie, Deanna, Diane, Ron, Herb, Greta, Georgia, Roger, Johann, LaShonda, and Ernie. Carry your people when grief is heavy, especially for the family of Pastor Don Maier at his passing. Gather them to your constant, loving presence, that they may rest in the confidence of life with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Center the ministries of this assembly on prayer and service. Guide our relationships in the wider community, being ready to assist those who seek help. Strengthen feeding, clothing, and housing ministries and community partnerships. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

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

A: We give thanks for all who have gone before us. May we trust your steadfast love and continue in hope until we are united with all your saints. 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>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	<i>ELW 742</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: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* ELW 543

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude *Lord, Teach Us How to Pray* ELW 745

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.

Daily Readings for July 28-August 2;

Monday, Esther 5:1-14, Tuesday, Romans 9:30—10:4,
Wednesday, Matthew 5:43-48, Thursday, Ecc.1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23,
Friday, Psalm 49:1-12 Saturday, Colossians 3:1-11

Next Sunday, August 3

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

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Pentecost 7, July 27, 2025

9:20 am—Choir practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after Service

70th Anniversary Planning

Monday 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours

11:30 am—Fellowship meeting-picnic planning

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 8th Sunday after Pentecost, August 3, 2025

9:20 am—Choir Practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after service

July 27—August 17 Worship Services If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.				
	July 27	August 3	August 10	August 17
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Sherry W.	Ray W.	Shannon H.	Sherry W.
Lector	Twila R.	Shannon H.	Twila R.	Lisa S.
Usher	James G. & Jayce	Allen P. & Tim H.	Steve & LeAnn T.	Gladys K. & Tim H.
Sunday Sch. Helper	Briget D. & Cathy H.	Amanda M. & Michelle G.	Briget D. & Monica G.	Amanda M. & Michelle G.
Communion	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Cathy H.	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Elaine S. & Karen O.
Video & Sound	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.
Counters	Elaine S. & Cathy H.	Candace O. & Tim H.	Elaine S. & Candance O.	Candace O. & Ray W.
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coordinator	Karen O.	Sherry W.	Sherry W.	Sherry W.

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 9 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 fourth 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 truly 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 follow procedures outlined in the church by-laws for the parttime Office Manager position. We have interviewed the applicants who have already submitted a resume and are checking references. 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).

70th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE will meet this Sunday following the worship service. All are welcome to help with planning. If you have contact with former members please let office or Sherry know to be sure they receive an invitation.

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

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: Our church picnic is on August 10th, after the service. Our 5th Sunday for August is to the American Cancer Society in honor of Jean Whitford and others. There will be a drawing/donations fundraiser during the event for treasures that you bring from home.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet August 3 after worship during coffee hour. Topics for discussion and planning will include: Sunday School Helpers, Adult Bible Study, Quarterly Youth Projects, Skits, and Worship Assistants. Karen O.

"ST TIMOTHY MEMORIES" cards are ready for you to fill out and return for display at our 70 Anniversary celebration. Take a card home and think about a memory, story, moment you would like to share. Collected memories will be compiled into a scrapbook to share. Questions—See Karen O.