

**Sunday, August 3, 2025**  
**St. Timothy Lutheran Church**  
**Pentecost 8**



**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

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

ELW 768

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

*All My Hope on God is Founded*

ELW 757

**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: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Children's Message**

### **First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 49:1-12**

Hear this, all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,  
**you of high degree and low,  
rich and poor together.**

My mouth shall speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

**I will incline my ear to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

Why should I be afraid in evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,  
**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own  
prowess, and boast of their great riches?**

One can never redeem another,  
or give to God the ransom for another's life;  
**for the ransom of a life is so great  
that there would never be enough to pay it,**  
in order to live forever and ever  
and never see the grave.

**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they  
perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from  
generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;  
they are like the beasts that perish.**

## **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,  
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the  
things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have  
died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your  
life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality,  
impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of  
these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These  
are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But

now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise as you are able)*

**Gospel: Luke 12-13-21**

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**

*(Please rise as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day

***Son of God, Eternal Savior***

***ELW 655***

## **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: Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. 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. We especially lift up the people of Gaza who are starving—give governments the courage to provide food as in the past. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear especially Kristina, Mary, Christine, Linda Wabs, Anthony L., Leslie, Deanna, Diane, Ron, Herb, Greta, Georgia, Roger, Johann, LaShonda, and Ernie. Dorian and family according to their needs. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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

A: Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. 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.**

<b>Distribution Hymns:</b>	<b><i>Lamb of God</i></b>	<i>ELW page 146b</i>
	<b><i>Break Now the Bread of Life</i></b>	<i>ELW 515</i>
	<b><i>By Your Hand You Feed Your People</i></b>	<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.**

<b>Sending Hymn:</b>	<b><i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i></b>	<i>ELW 650</i>
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## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

*A Hymn of Glory Let US Sing ELW 393*

### **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.
- + Herb Bartling recovering from a broken vertebrae.
- + For LaShonda recovering
- + For Greta for comfort and healing.
- + The family of Don Maier at his passing.
- + For Johann according to his needs.

### ***Daily Readings for August 4-August 9***

Monday, Psalm 127, Tuesday, Colossians 4:2-6,

Wednesday, Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14,

Thursday, Genesis 15:1-6, Friday, Psalm 138,

Saturday, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

### **Next Sunday, August 10**

Genesis 15:1-6, Psalm 33, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16,

Luke 12:32-40

## ***This Week at St. Timothy's***

**Today, Pentecost 8, August 3, 2025**

9:20 am—Choir practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after Service

Education Committee Meeting during coffee hour

**Monday**      10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours

4 pm— Call Committee Meeting

**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.)

9:30 am—PFP Food Pickup at Open Bible

12 pm—Unload PFP Pickup at St. Timothy

**Next Sunday      8th Sunday after Pentecost, August 10, 2025**

9:20 am—Choir Practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after service

### August Worship Services

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

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Pastor Yukio Hamada</b>	<b>Pastor Yukio Hamada</b>	<b>Pastor Yukio Hamada</b>	<b>Pastor Yukio Hamada</b>	<b>Pastor Yukio Hamada</b>
<b>Assistant</b>	<b>Ray W.</b>	<b>Shannon H.</b>	<b>Sherry W.</b>	<b>Ray W.</b>	<b>Shannon H.</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Shannon H.</b>	<b>Twila R.</b>	<b>Lisa S.</b>	<b>Shannon H.</b>	<b>Twila R.</b>
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Allen P. &amp; Tim H.</b>	<b>Steve &amp; LeAnn T.</b>	<b>Gladys K. &amp; Tim H.</b>	<b>Skip &amp; Marcia E.</b>	<b>James G. &amp; Jayce</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>Cathy H.</b>	<b>Candace O. &amp; Gladys K.</b>	<b>Elaine S. &amp; Karen O.</b>	<b>Candace O. &amp; Gladys K.</b>	<b>Elaine S. &amp; Karen O.</b>
<b>Tiny Tims</b>	<b>Amanda M. &amp; Michelle G.</b>	<b>Briget D. &amp; Monica G.</b>	<b>Amanda M. &amp; Michelle G.</b>	<b>Briget D. &amp; Monica G.</b>	<b>Amanda M. &amp; Michelle G.</b>
<b>Video &amp; Sound</b>	<b>Ray</b>	<b>Ray</b>	<b>Ray</b>	<b>Ray</b>	<b>Ray</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Candace O. &amp; Tim H.</b>	<b>Elaine S. &amp; Candace O.</b>	<b>Candace O. &amp; Ray W.</b>	<b>Elaine S. &amp; Tim H.</b>	<b>Ray W. &amp; Tim H.</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>Gary S.</b>	<b>Gary S.</b>	<b>Gary S.</b>	<b>Gary S.</b>	<b>Gary S.</b>
<b>Care Coordinator</b>	<b>Sherry W.</b>	<b>Sherry W.</b>	<b>Sherry W.</b>	<b>Sherry W.</b>	<b>Sherry W.</b>

## **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 76 people this fifth week of July. The total for the month is 333 visits to the food pantry. The next pickup from the Portland Food Project is not until August 9th. Shoppers, we are currently in need of everything! Protein items like tuna, canned chicken, spam, Vienna sausages, etc, soups, fruit, snacks (fruit cups, granola bars, 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 shoppers.

**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.

**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).

**ALARM RESPONSE BACKUP NEEDED:** Ray Whitford is looking for individuals who would be willing to be a back-up responder for emergency alarm events here at the church. Please text Ray at 503-936-7439 for information or questions.

**OTHER EVENTS:** Our church picnic is next Sunday, August 10th, after the service. As part of the picnic there will be a drawing for donated items, treasures that you bring from home. Our 5th Sunday for August is to the American Cancer Society in honor of Jean Whitford and others.

**TREASURE DONATIONS:** Please bring your treasure donations for the 5th Sunday for the American Cancer Society Fundraiser. Then purchase tickets for the drawing will take place at the picnic

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE** will meet today 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. Please turn in your "Memories Card" by **September 6th**. Questions—See Karen O.

**BACK TO SCHOOL**—SnowCap is seeking donations of school supplies. See the insert for specific items needed.