

Sunday, August 10, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Pentecost 9



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 ***Keep You Lamps Trimmed and Burning***
Don't grow weary, for the time is drawing nigh.

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Thanksgiving Confession and Forgiveness

(Please rise as you are able)

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 ***The King of Love My Shepherd Is*** *ELW 502*

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 God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 33: 12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

The Lord looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.

God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

**The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

**to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.

**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to

return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise as you are able)

Gospel: Luke 12-32-40

Jesus said: "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please rise as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW 802

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: Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for 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: Let your lovingkindness be on those in need, especially Kristina, Mary, Christine, Linda Wabs, Anthony L., Leslie, Deanna, Diane, Ron, Herb, Greta, Georgia, Johann, Ernie, Derek, and Dorian and family according to their needs. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and Lutheran Community Services and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

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

A: We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. 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>O Master, Let Me Walk with You</i>	<i>ELW 818</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: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

ELW 618

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Lead Me, Guide Me ELW 768

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.
- + For Johann according to his needs.

Daily Readings for August 11-August 16

Monday, Psalm 89:1-18, Tuesday, 2 Chronicles 34:22-33,
Wednesday, Jeremiah 33:14-26,
Thursday, Jeremiah 23:23-29, Friday, Luke 1:46-55,
Saturday, Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Next Sunday, August 17

Jeremiah 23:23-29, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11:29—12:2,
Luke 12:49-56.

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Pentecost 9, August 10, 2025

9:20 am—Choir practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Church Picnic after the Service

Monday 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours

Tuesday 11 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours

6:30 pm Council meeting

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 10th Sunday after Pentecost, August 17, 2025

9:20 am—Choir Practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after the 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
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Ray W.	Shannon H.	Sherry W.	Ray W.	Shannon H.
Lector	Shannon H.	Twila R.	Lisa S.	Shannon H.	Twila R.
Usher	Allen P. & Tim H.	Steve & LeAnn T.	Gladys K. & Tim H.	Skip & Marcia E.	James G. & Jayce
Communion	Cathy H.	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Elaine S. & Karen O.
Tiny Tims	Amanda M. & Michelle G.	Briget D. & Monica G.	Amanda M. & Michelle G.	Briget D. & Monica G.	Amanda M. & Michelle G.
Video & Sound	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray
Counters	Candace O. & Tim H.	Elaine S. & Candace O.	Candace O. & Ray W.	Elaine S. & Tim H.	Ray W. & Tim H.
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coordinator	Sherry W.	Sherry W.	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 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 a total of 48 individuals this first week of August. The next pickup from the Portland Food Project is August 10th. Shoppers can take a break.

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 today 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 that will take place at the picnic. Remember our August 5th Sunday is for the American Cancer Society especially in honor of Jean and others who currently have or has had cancer.

"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.

Gods Work Our Hands September 6th. SOLVE clean-up around the property. See Tim Jupp for more information.

Church Council meets Tues, August 12th at 6:30. All are welcome.