

**Sunday, August 17, 2025  
St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
Pentecost 10**



**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**

***Over My Head***

*I hear music in the air. There must be a God somewhere.*

**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**

***Let the Whole Creation Cry***

***ELW 876***

**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 God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Children's Message**

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 82**

God stands to charge the divine council assembled,  
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

**"How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?**

Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;

**rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they wander about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**Now I say to you, 'You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;**  
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.' ”

**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29—12:2**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let

us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise as you are able)*

**Gospel: Luke 12:49-56**

Jesus said: "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?" The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON**

*(Please rise as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day: **God, When Human Bonds Are Broken** ELW 603

## **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: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

*(A brief silence)*

A: Raise up faithful leaders for your church around the world. Inspire global missionaries with a spirit of accompaniment, as they walk alongside our partners in the gospel in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Safeguard rivers and lakes from pollution. Sustain the work of conservationists, policy makers, and advocacy groups seeking to protect fresh water sources. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Embrace all who suffer in isolation: for those who are incarcerated or detained, those who are fleeing from unsafe environments, and those who are sick or homebound especially Kristina, Mary, Christine, Linda Wabs, Anthony L., Leslie, Deanna, Diane, Ron, Herb, Greta, Johann, Ernie, Derek, and Dorian and family according to their needs. Reassure them of your care in all times and places. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Bridge divisions across partisan lines. Strengthen cooperative efforts among lawmakers who enact policies that protect our neighbors who are most vulnerable. Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Guide the leaders of this congregation. In these late summer weeks, inspire their planning for a new program year ahead. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration and support for their work. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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

A: With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses who surround us. By the example of their faith, enable us to run with perseverance the race set before us, until that day when we join their unending praise. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

**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>	<b><i>ELW page 146b</i></b>
	<b><i>I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</i></b>	<b><i>ELW 815</i></b>
	<b><i>By Your Hand You Feed Your People</i></b>	<b><i>ELW 469</i></b>

*(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:** *How Firm a Foundation*

ELW 796

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

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

### 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 Ernie Rippe for continuous recovery.
- + For 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 Georgia Vogele as she continues to heal.
- + For Deanna for healing.
- + For Diane Verdier for healing.
- + For Herb Bartling recovering from a broken vertebrae.
- + For Betty Canham for continued recovery
- + For Greta for comfort and healing.
- + Derek for recovery from surgery
- + For Johann according to his needs.

### ***Daily Readings for August 18-August 23***

Monday, Psalm 32, Tuesday, Jeremiah 25:15-29,  
Wednesday, Luke 19:45-48,  
Thursday, Isaiah 58:9-14, Friday, Psalm 103:1-8,  
Saturday, Hebrews 12:18-29

### **Next Sunday, August 17**

Isaiah 58:9-14, Psalm 103:1-8, Hebrews 12:18-29,  
Luke 13:10-17.

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

### **Today, Sunday August 17, 2025: Pentecost 10 Year C**

9:20 am—Choir practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after the Service

Education Committee meeting during coffee hour

5th Sunday Drawing for American Cancer Society

**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 August 24, 2025: 11th Sunday after Pentecost,**

9:20 am—Choir Practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after the Service

70th Anniversary Planning during coffee hour

<b>August Worship Services</b> 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 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 a total of 57 individuals this second week of August. The next pickup from the Portland Food Project is October 11th. We are in need of water, cereal, and top ramen.

**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).

**TREASURE DONATIONS:** We have items left from last week and will hold a continued drawing during coffee hour following church. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5. Items still at home? Feel free to bring them on Sunday. Remember our August 5th Sunday is for the American Cancer Society and especially in honor of Jean and others who currently have or have had cancer.

**"ST TIMOTHY MEMORIES"** cards are ready for you to fill out and return for display at our 70th 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. For more information and to register online visit:

<https://volunteer.solveoregon.org/opportunity/a0CVL00002INVNy/powellhurst-neighborhood-clean-up>