

**Sunday, August 24, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Pentecost 11**



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

Ten Thousand Reasons

Redman & Myrin

C: Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul. Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, oh my soul. I worship Your holy name. Lord, I worship Your holy name. C

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes. C

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger; Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. C

And on that day when my strength is failing. The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore. C

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 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* ELW 864

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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy

day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1-8

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with
steadfast love and mercy;**

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**O Lord, you provide vindication and justice for all who are
oppressed.**

You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

**Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a

‘better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, for indeed our God is a consuming fire. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise as you are able)

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by 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: ***Glorious Things of You are Spoken***

ELW 647

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: You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy. 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: You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness especially Kristina, Mary, Christine, Linda Wabs, Anthony L., Deanna, Diane, Ron, Herb, Greta, Johann (Yeohawn), Ernie, Derek, and Dorian and family according to their needs. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: With all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

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.**

Distribution Hymns:	<i>Lamb of God</i>	<i>ELW page 146b</i>
	<i>Come, Ye Disconsolate</i>	<i>ELW 607</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: *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* ELW 886

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Ten Thousand Reasons

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 25-August 30

Monday, John 1:43-51, Tuesday, Psalm 109:21-31,
Wednesday, Luke 6:6-11, Thursday, Proverbs 25:6-7,
Friday, Psalm 112,
Saturday, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Next Sunday, August 31

Proverbs 25:6-7, Psalm 112, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday August 24, 2025, Pentecost 11

9:20 am—Choir practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after the Service

70th Anniversary meeting during coffee hour

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—1:30 pm Pastor Hamada's office hours

Saturday 9:00 am—12 pm Property Work Party (contact Ray W.)

Next Sunday August 31, 2025, 12th Sunday after Pentecost

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 50 individuals this third week of August. The next pickup from the Portland Food Project is October 11th. We are in need of cereal and corn.

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).

5th SUNDAY FOR AUGUST: We raised \$99 from our treasure drawing for the American Cancer Society in the honor of Jean and others who have had cancer. We will continue to accept checks or other donations for the 5th Sunday through August. All donations are welcome.

“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 still accepting donations of school supplies. See the insert for specific items needed.

GODS WORK OUR HANDS: Tim Jupp has organized a SOLVE clean-up around the property on September 6th. For more information and to register online visit:

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

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES FOR SEPTEMBER: Please send your articles to Saint Timothy email by Monday, August 25th. All committees are welcome to share updates.

WHERE IS “Jesus on a Stick”?: Where are the photos of Jesus on vacation with you; at a picnic, BBQ, or walking trails? Please send photos or where Jesus has been with you this summer to Saint Timothy email.