

Sunday, August 31, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Pentecost 12



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

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

ELW 716

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

Gather Us In

ELW 532

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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 112

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

**For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.**

Therefore the Lord brought upon them unheard-of calamities
and destroyed them completely.

**The Lord overthrew the thrones of rulers
and enthroned the lowly in their place.**

The Lord plucked up the roots of the nations
and planted the humble in their place.

**The Lord laid waste the lands of the nations
and destroyed them to the foundations of the earth.**

He removed some of them and destroyed them
and erased the memory of them from the earth.

**Pride was not created for human beings
or violent anger for those born of women.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise as you are able)

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Now On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who

exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” 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’s Work, Our Hands

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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: For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations, we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. 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: For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence 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. Prayers for the family of Becky Tripp comfort and peace at her death. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For the hospitality and fellowship ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. 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: *Lamb of God* *ELW page 146b*
 God Is Here! *ELW 526*
 By Your Hand You Feed Your People *ELW 469*

(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: *As We Gather at Your Table* *ELW 522*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet* *ELW 523*

Land Acknowledgement:

St. Timothy Lutheran Church humbly acknowledges that we live within the traditional lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, and Clackamas bands of Chinook; the Cowlitz; the Tualatin Kalapuya; the Molalla and many other Tribes who made their homes along the Columbia River. Most of these peoples are currently part of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. In our place of ministry in Portland, Oregon, St. Timothy thanks God for living and serving in this domain of Native people from over 380 different Tribal backgrounds.

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 Vogeles 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 September 1st—September 6th

Monday, 2 Chronicles 12:1-12, Tuesday, Psalm 119:65-72,

Wednesday, Isaiah 57:14-21,

Thursday, Deuteronomy 30:15-20,

Friday, Psalm 1,

Saturday, Philemon 1-21

Next Sunday, September 7th

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1, Philemon 1-21

and Luke 14:25-33

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday August 31, 2025, Pentecost 12

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 10 am—2 pm GWOH SOLVE Clean-up

Next Sunday September 7th, 2025, 13th 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 31 individuals this last week of August. We served a total of 69 people in the month of August. The next pickup from the Portland Food Project is October 11th. We are literally out of everything!! Especially rice, soup, snacks, tomatoes, pasta, fruit!!! Please help as you can.

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>

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.

Picnic Survey Bulletin Insert: Please take a moment to fill out the survey insert from the Fellowship committee. Drop it off before you leave in the box in the Narthex. This will help the committee to determine ways to improve the annual picnic next year.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir practice resumes on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm. The first practice will be on September 11th. All are welcome!!