

**Sunday, September 7, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Pentecost 13**



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

Take Up Your Cross

ELW 667

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

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

ELW 814

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: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. *(Please be seated)*

Children's Message

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

"See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,

**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To our beloved coworker Philemon, to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise as you are able)

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

(A brief silence.)

A: We pray for the church to follow in your ways, that it may be a witness to your love for all people. Help us choose all that is life-giving and confront the forces of death. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for creation, that it may be cherished and nurtured. Sustain farmlands, animals, and waters; restore places affected by calamities; and shield coastlands from rising seas. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for those in authority. Grant them wisdom to govern justly and compassion to care for the marginalized. Equip them for actions that further the common good. 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. Lead us to be your hands and feet in the world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for those who are sick, hungry, unhoused, or lonely. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence especially Kristina, Mary, Christine, Linda Wabs, Anthony L., Deanna, Diane, Ron, Herb, Greta, Fred Warren, 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. May they find healing through your love and the care of those around them. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for this congregation, that we may be united in love and faith. Refresh our hearts in Christ, and deepen our support of one another. We pray that our sharing of faith may transform lives. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

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

A: We thank you for those who have died and now dwell with the saints. Surround them with your divine mercy, that they find peace and rest in your loving embrace. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

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: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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>Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus</i>	<i>ELW 802</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: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SENDING

Blessing:

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, † bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn:	<i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i>	<i>ELW 798</i>
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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude:

Lift High the Cross ELW 660

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 Becky Tripp's family for comfort and peace at her death.
- + 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.
- + Fred Warren for recovery from medical concern
- + For Johann according to his needs.

Daily Readings for September 7th—September 12th

Monday, 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Tuesday, 2 Kings 18:9-18,

Wednesday, Psalm 101,

Thursday, Numbers 21:4b-9,

Friday, Psalm 98:1-4,

Saturday, 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Next Sunday, September 14th

Exodus 32:7-14, Psalm 51:1-10, 1 Timothy 1:12-17

and Luke 15:1-10

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday September 7th, 2025, Pentecost 13

9:20 am—Choir practice
 10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)
 Coffee Hour after the Service

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
 7 pm—8:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday 10 am—1:30 pm Pastor Hamada's office hours
 12 pm—1 pm Worship Committee Meeting

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

Next Sunday **September 14th, 2025, 14th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:20 am—Choir Practice
 10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)
 Coffee Hour after the Service

September Worship Services					
If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.					
	September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28	
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	
Assistant	Sherry W.	Ray W.	Shannon H.	Sherry W.	
Lector	Lisa S.	Shannon H.	Twila R.	Cathy H.	
Usher	Allen P. & Tim H..	Steve & LeAnn T.	Gladys K. & Tim H.	Skip & Marcia E.	
Communion	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Cathy H.	Cathy H.	
Tiny Tims	Briget D. & Monica G.	Amanda M. & Michelle G.	Briget D. & Cathy H.	Amanda M. & Cathy H.	
Video & Sound	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	
Counters	Candace O. & Tim H.	Elaine S. & Candace O.	Ray W. & Cathy H.	Elaine S. & Tim H.	
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	
Care Coordinator	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	

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

COUNCIL MEETING is this Tuesday, September 9th, at 6:30pm.

WATATO CHILDREN'S CHOIR is offering a FREE concert at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Friday September 26th at 7:00pm. For more information visit rlcpdx.org.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENT through Metro at 171st and Powell! \$25 a car (larger vehicles additional cost) - no TVs accepted, but mattresses are! For more information contact Sherry Willmschen.

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: We served a total of 38 individuals this first week of September. 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. 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.

RSVPs for the 70th: We have heard from Kathy and David Krueger—they are coming and supplied us with many addresses. It is getting close and so exciting.

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!!