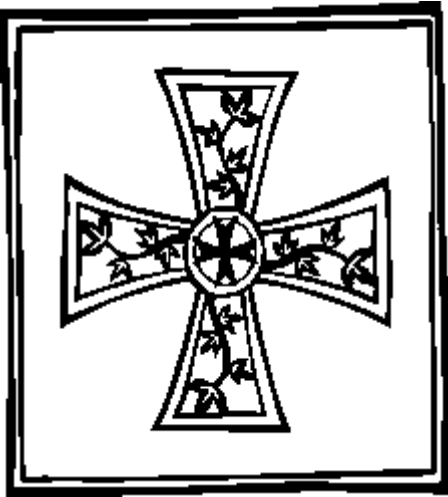


**Sunday, September 14, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Pentecost 14**



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 Distribution.

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.

GATHERING

Call to Worship *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* ELW 678

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 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* ELW 789

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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-10

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.)

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please rise as you are able)

Hymn of the Day: ***Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*** ELW 779

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: Merciful God, pour out your grace upon your church. Forgive us for the times when we have been unfaithful, and renew our commitment to your gospel of love. Empower us to live as a community of mercy.

God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Merciful God, we ask forgiveness for the ways we have neglected and harmed this earth and its creatures. Confirm our commitment to care for all you have made, and grant us wisdom and strength to take action toward restoring your creation to its fullness. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Merciful God, govern all who hold positions of power and authority. Instruct them to make just decisions that serve the common good. Make them instruments of your mercy in the world, working to heal divisions and promote peace. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy. Make peace in places of conflict especially, 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: receive our prayer.

A: Merciful God, we lift up all who suffer. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to those who are sick, grieving, or in pain. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence especially Kristina, Christine, Linda Wabs, Anthony L., Deanna, Diane, Ron, Herb, Greta, Fred Warren, Johann (Yeohawn), Ernie, Pastor Chuck, and Dorian and family according to their needs. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Give us compassionate hearts to accompany those who are hurting and courage to work for justice and mercy. We pray for the family and friends of conservative political activist, Charles Kirk, who was shot during an event at Utah Valley University on Wednesday. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Merciful God, bind us together as a community of forgiveness and love. Supply us with humility to seek forgiveness when we have wronged one another and generosity to extend mercy when we have been wronged.

God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

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

A: Merciful God, we remember in love those who have departed this life. Console those who mourn, and give them the hope of resurrection. 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:

ELW 885

***Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow
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:

ELW page 144b

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
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 you are 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>Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling</i>	<i>ELW 608</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: ***Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*** ***ELW 544***

Dismissal :

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude:

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

ELW 807

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 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 Pastor Chuck with his declining health.
- + 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 15th—September 20th

Monday: Psalm 73

Tuesday: 2 Peter 3:8-13

Wednesday: Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6

Thursday: Amos 8:4-7

Friday: Psalm 113

Saturday: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Next Sunday, September 21st

Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1-7 and Luke 16:1-13

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday September 14th, 2025, Pentecost 14

9:20 am—Choir practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after the Service

Halloween Event Planning 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

12 pm—Stewardship meeting

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

10 am—70th Anniversary Setup—come when you can

Saturday 1 pm—4 pm 70th Anniversary Open House

Sunday September 21st, 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](#)

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 **44** individuals this second 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, dried beans/peas, corn, chili/ravioli, Vienna sausage/spam, personal items!!! 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).

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.

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

HALLOWEEN EVENT PLANNING: There will be a meeting following the church service today. Anyone who is interested in participating is invited to come.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS: Please note that we have a **new mailing address**.

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