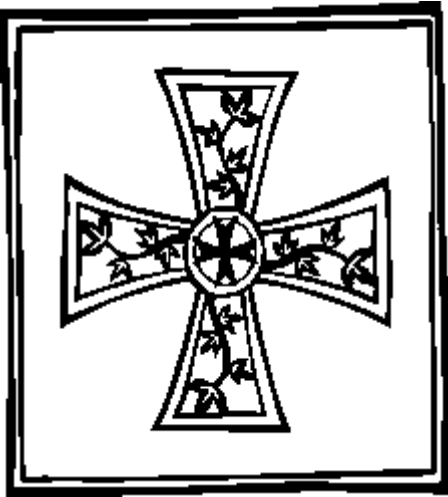


**Sunday, September 21, 2025  
St. Timothy Lutheran Church  
Pentecost 15**



**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

### *We Believe*

*Hooper, Fike, and Ryan*

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ,  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.  
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.  
We believe in the resurrection, and He's comin' back again. We believe.

### 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**    *There's a wideness in God's Mercy*                      *ELW 588*

**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: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Children's Message**

**First Reading: Amos 8:4-7**

Hear this, you who trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier  
and practice deceit with false balances,  
buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 113**

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;  
praise the name of the Lord.

**Let the name of the Lord be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down  
let the name of the Lord be praised.

**The Lord is high above all nations;  
God's glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the Lord our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,

**but stoops to behold  
the heavens and the earth?**

The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

**enthroning them with the rulers,  
with the rulers of the people.**

The Lord makes the woman of a childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

## **Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth. The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

## **Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **SERMON**

*(Please rise as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day:     **The Church’s One Foundation**

**ELW 654**

## **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**

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

*(A brief silence.)*

O God, teach your church to act in solidarity with the poor, frustrating the efforts of those who trample on the needy and practicing justice in our own life and community. God of grace,

**C:receive our prayer.**

Almighty Creator, we pray for an end to the misuse of the earth and its resources, that all people may benefit from your abundant gifts and that our stewardship of creation would be marked by justice and sustainability. God of grace,

**C:receive our prayer.**

Holy One, embolden elected leaders to pursue policies of economic justice for the benefit of all, especially those who are most vulnerable and marginalized. Persuade them by your example of generosity and compassion. God of grace,

**C:receive our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for all facing illness, those near death, or those grieving the loss of loved ones 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. We lift up prayers of healing for Gary Markwart and prayers for the family of Mike Teegardin, Chris Willmschen's grandfather, who is in Hospice Care. Manifest your healing presence in their midst. May they find comfort and strength in your love. Prepare us to surround them with your healing care. God of grace,

**C:receive our prayer.**

God of love, motivate our congregation to enact economic justice through tangible action, prioritizing the needs of our community and sharing resources generously through our outreach and justice ministries.

Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy. Make peace in places of conflict, war, and confusion, especially, where conflicts are difficult in ways beyond our human understanding; Ukraine, Gaza, the West Bank and all others.

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.**

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

Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints, especially Matthew and all, who now join the heavenly chorus in praising your name. Lift us up from the dust of grief and remind us of your promise of new life. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

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.

<b>Distribution Hymns:</b>	<b><i>Lamb of God</i></b>	<i>ELW page 146b</i>
	<b><i>One Bread, One Body</i></b>	<i>ELW 496</i>
	<b><i>By Your Hand You Feed Your People</i></b>	<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.**

<b>Sending Hymn:</b>	<b><i>Be Thou My Vision</i></b>	<i>ELW 793</i>
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**Dismissal :**

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**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 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.
- + For Johann according to his needs.
- + For Gary Markwart's healing.

***Daily Readings for September 22nd—September 29th***

Monday: Matthew 9:9-13  
Tuesday: Proverbs 17:1-5  
Wednesday: Luke 20:45-21:4  
Thursday: Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
Friday: Psalm 146  
Saturday: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

**Next Sunday, September 28th**

Amos 6:1a, 4-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19  
and Luke 16:19-31

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

**Today, Sunday September 21st, 2025, Pentecost 15**

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

**Saturday**

**Sunday September 28th, 2025, 16th 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	
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor David Krueger	Pastor Yukio Hamada	
<b>Assistant</b>	Sherry W.	Ray W.	Shannon H.	Sherry W.	
<b>Lector</b>	Lisa S.	Shannon H.	Twila R.	Cathy H.	
<b>Usher</b>	Allen P. & Tim H.	Steve & LeAnn T.	Gladys K. & Tim H.	Skip & Marcia E.	
<b>Communion</b>	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Cathy H.	Cathy H.	
<b>Tiny Tims</b>	Briget D. & Monica G.	Amanda M. & Michelle G.	Briget D. & Cathy H.	Amanda M. & Cathy H.	
<b>Video &amp; Sound</b>	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	
<b>Counters</b>	Candace O. & Tim H.	Elaine S. & Candace O.	Ray W. & Cathy H.	Elaine S. & Tim H.	
<b>Music</b>	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	
<b>Care Coordinator</b>	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](#)**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:** Beginning October 5th there will be one Sunday School helper assigned to Sunday School with the lead teacher. You do not have to have children/youth in Sunday School to be a helper!! **YOU CAN DO IT!** And additional helpers mean that each helper is only scheduled every 4-6 weeks. Contact Karen O if this is something you are interested in.

**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE:** "It's hand sanitizer and handwashing and cover your cough season!" Nurse Karen would like to remind each of us to be more mindful of our hand hygiene. Please remember to wash your hands **often** and to always **cover your cough!!!**

**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](http://rlcpdx.org).

**FOOD PANTRY VISITS:** We served a total of **59** individuals this third week of September. The next pickup from the Portland Food Project is October 11th. We are literally out of everything!! This week the Food Pantry is asking for donations of soup, rice, dried beans, pasta, corn, chili, ravioli, spam and personal items such as deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and menstrual pads and tampons, razors, bar soap and shampoo. 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).

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Choir meets Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm. No experience (or skill!!) necessary. All are welcome to join the choir!

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

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