

**Sunday, September 28, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Pentecost 16**



**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

Build a Longer Table

Bjorlin

Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.

When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

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

To Be Your Presence

ELW 546

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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Amos 61a, 4-7

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp

and like David improvise on instruments of music,
who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord cares for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge

people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said: “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house for I have five brothers—that he may warn

them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please rise as you are able)

Hymn of the Day:

Gather Us In

ELW 532

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.)

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. 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 God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

We pray for people in any need 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. Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love.

God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support.

God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

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

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life.

God of grace,

C: 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:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, ELW page 144b
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: *Lamb of God* *ELW page 146b*
 Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service *ELW 712*
 By Your Hand You Feed Your People *ELW 469*

(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: *God of Grace and God of Glory* *ELW 705*

Dismissal :

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: *God Be With You Til We Meet Again* *ELW 536*

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 Grefa for comfort and healing.
- + For Johann according to his needs.

Daily Readings for September 29th—October 4th

Monday: Luke 10:17-20

Tuesday: James 5:1-6

Wednesday: Psalm 62

Thursday: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Friday: Psalm 37:1-9

Saturday: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Next Sunday, October 5th

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, Psalm 37:1-9, 2 Timothy 1:1-14
and Luke 17:5-10

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday September 28th, 2025, Pentecost 16

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 October 5th, 2025, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

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

October Worship Services

If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.

	October 5th	October 12th	October 19th	October 26th	
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	
Assistant	Shannon H	Sherry W	Ray W	Sherry W	
Lector	Twila R	Lisa S	Cathy H	Mary F	
Usher	Gladys K & Tim H	James G & Jayce	Skip & Marcia E	Allen P & Tim H	
Communion	Marie R & Karen O	Candace O & Gladys K	Cathy H	Marie R & Karen O	
Tiny Tims	Daniel R	Monica G	Briget D	Michelle G	
Video & Sound	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	
Counters	Candace O & Ray W	Cathy H & Mary F	Tim H & Candace O	Cathy H & Ray W	
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](#)

70th ANNIVERSARY: Did you take photos? Or know somebody who did? Please send all photos from the anniversary celebration in to sainttimothypdx@gmail.com to be included in a 70th Anniversary photo album! Contact Karen O with questions and concerns.

STEWARDSHIP FORMS: St. Timothy's 2026 Stewardship Pledge Cards are due **October 5th**. If you do not get your card turned in by October 5th, please come prepared with your completed 2026 Pledge Card to worship on **October 12th**. Cards will be blessed by Pastor Hamada at regular Sunday Worship on October 12th.

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!!!**

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: We served a total of **62** individuals this fourth 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 or 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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