

**Sunday, October 5, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Pentecost 17**



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 *He's Got The Whole World in His Hands*

He's got the whole wide world in his hands. |: He's got the whole world in his hands! :|
|:: He's got the little bitty baby in his hands,::| He's got the whole world in his hands!

He's got you and me brother in his hands, He's got you and me sister in his hands,
He's got you and me brother in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands!

|:: He's got everybody here in his hands, ::| |:He's got the whole world in his hands!:
He's got the whole wide world in his hands. |: He's got the whole world in his hands! :|

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

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

ELW 596

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: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. . Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

C:Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-9

Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
**For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**
Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
**Take delight in the Lord,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**
Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord,
and see what God will do.

**The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please rise as you are able)

Hymn of the Day: *How Firm a Foundation*

ELW 796

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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

(A brief silence.)

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to all countries affected by war and violence. We especially lift up the people of Gaza who are starving. We especially ask for strength in your peace here in Portland as local communities continue to be a target of our current administration. We ask that you help leaders local and far find it within themselves to act justly and to love mercy. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in 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 for the family of Mike Teegardin, Chris Willmschen's grandfather, who is in Hospice Care. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, 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:	<i>Lamb of God</i>	<i>ELW page 146b</i>
	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	<i>ELW 759</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>God , Whose Almighty Word</i>	<i>ELW 673</i>
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Dismissal :

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude:

Great is Thy Faithfulness 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 Greta for comfort and healing.
- + For Johann according to his needs.

Daily Readings for October 6th - October 12th

Monday: James 1:2-11

Tuesday: Psalm 3

Wednesday: Habakkuk 2:12-20

Thursday: 2 Kings 5:1-7, 7-15c

Friday: Psalm 111

Saturday: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Next Sunday, October 12th

2 Kings 5:1-3; 7-15c, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:8-15,
and Luke 17:11-19

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday October 5th, 2025, Pentecost 17

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 9 am—12:00pm Property Work Party

Food Project Pick-up

Sunday October 12th, 2025, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:20 am—Choir Practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

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](#)

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: St. Timothy Lutheran Church Council meets next Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30pm in the basement.

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

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: We served a total of **53** individuals this fourth week of September. Food from Portland Food Project arrives next weekend! We are grateful for the food we are able to receive from our partnership with Portland Food Project. Our pantry is busier now than ever before. This week the Food Pantry is asking for donations of food and personal items such as soup, rice, canned vegetables, canned fruit, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, menstrual pads and tampons, razors, bar soap and shampoo. Please help as you can.

WEEKLY PROPERTY WORK PARTIES: Property Committee has work parties scheduled every Saturday from 9:00am to 12:00pm through October. Call or text Ray at 503-936-7439 to verify. Work parties are not scheduled through the winter. The property committee continues to ask for individuals and families to adopt a flowerbed or plot of land at the church to maintain and beautify nine months out of the year.

ST TIMOTHY CRAFTERS: Mark your calendars for October 23rd! Join us for a Holiday Craft Box party from 1pm-4pm.

TRUNK OR TREAT: St. Timothy's annual Trunk or Treat event is scheduled for October 25th from 4:30-6:00pm. All are welcome to participate as trunks, treaters or both! Sign ups for table space in the basement are open now!

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**. The new address can be found on the front of your bulletin.