

Sunday, October 12, 2025

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Pentecost 18



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. Learn how to use the sets 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

Have You Thanked the Lord?

ELW 829

Announcements

Temple Talk with Tim and Cathy Henderson

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

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW 864

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: Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

L: Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are your works, O Lord,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

L: Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please rise as you are able)

Hymn of the Day:

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

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)

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

(A brief silence.)

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. Bring peace to all countries affected by war and violence. We especially pray for peace for Gaza and Ukraine and that war will cease and food and water will be provided. We 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.

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing especially Kristina, Christine, Linda Wabs, Anthony L., Deanna, Diane, Ron, Greta, Fred Warren, Johann (Yeohawn), Ernie, Pastor Chuck, Al, 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 and for Marshall and family. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. We especially thank you this morning for Bishop Paul Swanson and Representative Hao Nguyen. We pray for and with their family and friends at the news of their crossing over into the next life. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in 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)

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
 My Faith Looks Up to Thee ELW 759
 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:

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.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* *ELW 543*

Dismissal :

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me ELW 860*

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 Betty Canham for continued recovery
- + For Greta for comfort and healing.
- + For Johann according to his needs.

Daily Readings for October 13th - October 18th

Monday: Acts 26:24-29

Tuesday: Psalm 61

Wednesday: Matthew 10:5-15

Thursday: Genesis 32:22-31

Friday: Psalm 121

Saturday: Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53

Next Sunday, October 19th

Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14 -4:5
and Luke 18:1-8.

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday October 12th, 2025, Pentecost 18 Stewardship Sunday

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
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

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—12:00 pm Property Work Party
12:00 pm Food Project Unloading

Sunday October 19th, 2025, 19th Sunday after Pentecost Health Ministry Sunday

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](https://us02zoom.us/j/84695867893)

STEWARDSHIP FORMS: 2026 Stewardship Pledge Cards will be blessed by Pastor Hamada this morning during regular Sunday Worship.

HEALTH MINISTRY: Next Sunday, October 19th there will be blood pressure checks following worship. Health Ministry will also host two temple talks at the beginning of worship service.

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: We served a total of **57** individuals this 2nd week of October. Food from Portland Food Project food arrived yesterday! We are grateful for the food we are able to receive from our partnership with Portland Food Project.

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. Questions? Contact Twila for more information at 206-595-1900. Texting is preferred. If you call, please leave a voicemail.

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! Contact Monica G. or Michelle G.

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.