

**Sunday, October 19, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Health Ministry Sunday - Pentecost 19**



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 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

ELW 708

Announcements

Temple Talks with Health Ministry - Sherry W. and Karen O.

Opening Prayer

To you, O Lord God, covered by the splendor of light and along worthy of our adoration, we come to you to hear our petitions.

We praise you, O Lord, for your most magnificent creation: the human body. And, Lord, have mercy when it starts to fall apart, and the truth is that often our health is so good that we forget to thank you for it.

Too often we take for granted every disease we don't have, every faculty we enjoy, and every miracle, including life itself, will recur on its own.

So, when the stresses and strains of life overtake, O Father, or accident, diseases, or a thousand other challenges, forgive us when we lose heart and ask for explanations.

Actually, we don't need explanations because You are with us. When we remember our good days of the past, we realize that life is a gift and a miracle in itself.

So, Lord Jesus, on this Health Ministry Sunday, we thank you for being our Great Physician who heals us - Body, Mind and Spirit.

In your Mighty and Gracious name - Father, Son and Spirit, we pray.

C: Amen.

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

Gather Us In

ELW 532

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 Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *(Please be seated)*

Children's Message

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" 3

And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

L: Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

The Lord will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

the Lord watches over you;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

**the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

**The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" 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 *We Come to You For Healing Lord*

ELW 617

The Apostles' Creed

**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.)

We pray for the church universal. O God, who unites the church across the globe, bring unity and peace to a world divided by hatred and opposition. Turn our hearts toward the gospel of Jesus Christ.

God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

We pray for creation. O God, who made heaven and earth, draw us to the beauty of the whole creation. Turn us toward a right relationship with the entire cosmos. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

We pray for all nations, states, cities, and towns. O God, you rule over all the earth. Grant our elected officials humility in their decision-making for the sake of the entire world. 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. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. O God, who heals and strengthens, our help comes from you in times of need. Support, comfort, and heal those who suffer 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.

We pray for St. Timothy Lutheran church and the abundance of ministry in this place. We ask for the miracle of ministry, so that we attend to another's aches and pains before our own are cured. We ask for the miracle of a sense of humor, so that we can regale friends with our symptoms without boring them to death. We ask for the miracle of courage and will power so that we don't accept death one minute before its time. And we pray for the miracle of breath and Spirit; we pray that you, Holy Spirit, will move gently as a breeze among us just now. Breathe into the dust of our being the breath of life again. O God, who guides this congregation, encourage us to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Nurture our relationships with the community, that we serve and advocate for those who come to us in need. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

We offer thanksgiving for the faithful departed. O God, whose promises never end, we thank you for all the saints who have shown us the way of 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.

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

Praise God

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:

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
Lord Be Glorified
Here I Am, Lord***

***ELW page 146b
ELW 744
ELW 574***

(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:

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW 612

Dismissal :

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude:

All My Hope on God is Founded

ELW 757

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 19th, 2025, Pentecost 19
Health Ministry 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
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

Sunday October 26th, 2025, 20th 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](https://us.zoom.us/j/84695867893)

HEALTH MINISTRY: This morning there will be blood pressure checks following worship. Health Ministry will also host two temple talks at the beginning of worship service.

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 trunkers, treaters or both! Sign ups for table space in the basement are open now! Contact Monica G. or Michelle G.

REFORMATION SUNDAY: Next Sunday, don't forget to **WEAR RED** for Reformation Sunday!

ALL SAINTS DAY: Please begin to collect up photos for individuals you would like to honor on All Saints Day here at St. Timothy Lutheran. We will light candles for our beloved Saints during Sunday worship on November 2nd.

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: We served a total of **65** individuals this week. *Shoppers*; we are in need of cereal, fruit, snacks, and corn.

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.

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

Coats for Kids: We are beginning to collect funds and shop for this 5th Sunday for November for Centennial School District. See Sherry for info