

**Sunday, June 21st, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Pentecost
St. Timothy Lutheran Church**



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. Everyone is welcome to share Holy Communion at the rail from the altar or with individual cups from the church entrance. See how to use the sets on page 9 under Distribution. If you are joining us online, please consider liking, subscribing, and turning on notifications for our account. If you would like help with this, reach out to the office.

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 *Ten Thousand Reasons* Redman & Marin
Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul. Worship His Holy name.
Sing like never before, oh my soul. I worship Your Holy name.
Lord, I worship Your Holy name.

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Thanksgiving, Confession and Forgiveness

(Please rise as you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose compassion endures forever. **C:Amen.**

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.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Most merciful God,

**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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God
strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in
your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

Pastoral Greeting: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all
our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day *(together)*

C: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gathering Song
(Please be seated)

This Is My Father's World

ELW 824

Children's Message

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."
But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

L: The word of the LORD, **C:Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 69:7-18

Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.**

I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.

**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O Lord:
“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me
and out of the deep waters.**

Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,
neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

**Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
**Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.**

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. L: The word of the LORD. C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve: "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth;
I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please rise as you are able)

Hymn of the Day: Lord, Speak to Us that We may Speak ELW 676

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

(A brief silence.)

Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty.

God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. We especially pray for Juneteenth remembrances on June 21st.

God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering especially Mary F, Shiela, Christine, Deanna, Ron, Johann, Judy, Al, Pastor Chuck, Ron, Marshall, Steve, Jaycee, River, Clyde, Sean, Twila, and Kristina. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful.

God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Faithful God, we give thanks for saints like Onesimos Nesib who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **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: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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

The 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.**

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 Pastor Chuck with his declining health.
- + For Johann according to his needs.

Daily Readings for June 22-June 27

Monday: Revelation 2:1-7

Tuesday: Psalm 6

Wednesday: Luke 1:57-67(68-80)

Thursday: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Friday: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Saturday: Romans 6:12-23

Next Sunday, June 28th:

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23;
and Matthew 10:40-42

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday June 21st, Pentecost 4

9:20 am—Choir practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Father's Day Strawberry Shortcake Social to follow worship!

Monday 10am - 1pm Office & Pantry Hours

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Wednesday 10 am -1 pm Office & Pantry hours

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Friday

Saturday

Sunday June 28th, 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:20 am - Choir Practice

10 am - Worship Service

Coffee Hour after the Service

JUNE Worship Services					
If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.					
	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28	July 5
Preacher	Pastor Curtis Zieske	Pastor Jennifer Beil	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Sherry W	Sherry W	Ray W	Karen O	Sherry W
Lector	Sherry W	Lisa S	Cathy H	Mary F	Sherry W
Usher	Steve & LeAnn T	Gladys K & Tim H	Jeff S & Tim H	Skip & Marcia E	Tim H & Allen P
Communion	Candace & Marie R	Cathy H	Karen O & Gladys K	Cathy H	Candace & Marie R
Tiny Tims	Daniel R	Amanda M	Monica G	Briget D	Daniel R
Video & Sound	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W
Counters	Ray W & Candace	Tim H & Jeff S	Ray W & Tim H	Candace O & Mary F	Ray W & Jeff S
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coordinator	Karen O.	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 9 under Distribution.

WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE on Sundays at 10 am at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@sttimothypdx/live>

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: We were blessed with 1,717 pounds of food from the Portland Food Project. Thank you to those who volunteered at Open Bible (Cheryl, Marcia, Lenna, Skip, and Sherry) and unloaders at St Timothy (Karen O, Ray, Michelle, and Lila). It is so nice to see the shelves full!

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL: Today we celebrate Father's Day with a Strawberry Shortcake Social! Please stay to celebrate the dads in your life; soccer dads, 'like-a-dad' dads, God the Father, besties with good 'dad' advice, even the one guy who is always making bad dad jokes.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: We will be meeting on June 28th following church service to discuss property upgrades and possible funding sources. Voting members are encouraged to come and zoom will be available for members. Others are encouraged to join us for input.

BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR YUKIO: On June 17th Pastor Hamada began leading "Manna & Mercy". Are Christians really illiterate?

If interested the Zoom Meeting ID is 846 9588 7893 password: 307128

Questions? Please email Pastor Yukio at padrewaikiki@gmail.com

SUMMER PICNIC: Summer picnic will be on July 19th following church service. This event is sponsored by the Fellowship committee--much help will be needed!