

**Sunday, June 28th, 2026  
Fifth 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 7 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

*Build a Longer Table*

D. 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: 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: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Gathering Song**

*All Are Welcome*

ELW 641

*(Please be seated)*

**Children's Message**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet." L: The word of the LORD, **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 89:1-5, 15-18**

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**'I will establish your line forever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

Happy are the people who know the festal shout!  
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

**They rejoice daily in your name;  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

For you are the glory of their strength,  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

**Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

### **Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23**

Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 10:40-42**

Jesus said to the twelve: "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." 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:**        *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

ELW 802

**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.)*

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world.  
God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us.  
God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division Iran, Lebanon, Gaza, and Ukraine. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace.  
God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We pray especially for Gabriel M, Mary F, Shiela, Christine, Deanna, Ron, Johann, Judy, Al, Pastor Chuick, Ron, Marshall, Steve, Jaycee, River, Clyde, Sean, Twila and Kristina. Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service.

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

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered.)*

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons whom the church remembers today).

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,  
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.***

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*(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.***

## 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.*

Distribution Hymns:

***Lamb of God  
Bread of Life from Heaven  
Just As I Am, Without One Plea***

ELW page 146b

ELW 474

ELW 592

*(Please rise as you are able)*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** (together)

**C: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing:**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:**

***Take My Life That I May Be***

**ELW 685**

### **Dismissal :**

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:**

*On Our Way Rejoicing* ELW 537

## Jesus on a Stick

Jesus said, “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the world.”

-Matthew 28:20



## **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 29-July 4***

Monday: John 21:15-19

Tuesday: 2 Kings 21:17-29

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:1-11

Thursday: Zechariah 9:9-12

Friday: Ephesians 4:11-16

Saturday: Romans 7:15-25a

### **Next Sunday, July 5th:**

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a;  
and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**This Week at St. Timothy's**

**Today, Sunday June 28th, Pentecost 5**

9:20am Choir practice

10 am Worship Service

**11 am Congregational Meeting**

**Monday** 10am - 1pm Office & Pantry Hours

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**Friday** 10 am -1 pm Office Hours

**Saturday**

**Sunday July 5th, 6th 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
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Cutis Zieske	Pastor Jennifer Beil	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
<b>Assistant</b>	Sherry W	Sherry W	Ray W	Karen O	Sherry W
<b>Lector</b>	Sherry W	Lisa S	Cathy H	Mary F	Sherry W
<b>Usher</b>	Steve & LeAnn T	Gladys K & Tim H	Jeff S & Tim H	Skip & Marcia E	Tim H & Allen P
<b>Communion</b>	Candace & Marie R	Cathy H	Karen O & Gladys K	Cathy H	Candace & Marie R
<b>Tiny Tims</b>	Daniel R	Amanda M	Monica G	Briget D	Daniel R
<b>Video &amp; Sound</b>	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W
<b>Counters</b>	Ray W & Candace	Tim H & Jeff S	Ray W & Tim H	Candace O & Mary F	Ray W & Jeff S
<b>Music</b>	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
<b>Care Coordinator</b>	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 7 under Distribution.

**WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE on Sundays at 10 am at:**

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

**FOOD PANTRY VISITS:** We had 81 visitors this week. To our amazement we are out or low on a few items: protein (esp. chicken, Vienna sausage, etc) water, juice, fruit, and snacks.

Donations are appreciated.

Prayers for volunteers and clients are always appreciated.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** *Stay after worship today for our congregational meeting* 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.

**COFFEE HOUR AND CELEBRATION:** Following the meeting we will celebrate June birthdays and the 4th of July with cupcakes and red, white, and blue shortcake. Please bring red or blue fruit or whipping cream to make a yummy shortcake. We have cake.

**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!

**BIBLE STUDY:** Pastor Yukio continues to lead Bible study, Manna and Mercy, on zoom at 6:45pm on Wednesdays.

**MUSIC IN THE PARK:** Portland Parks and Recreation and CCA is sponsoring Music in the Park on Saturday, July 24th beginning at 6:30pm at Parklane Park (155th and SE Main).