

**Sunday, July 19th, 2026  
Eighth 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 8 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      *God, the Sculptor of the Mountains*

ELW 736

### 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: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and  
compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be  
rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Children's Message**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8**

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:  
I am the first, and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.  
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;  
let them declare and set it forth before me.  
Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.  
Do not fear or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.  
L: The word of the LORD, **C:Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 86:11-17**

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
and glorify your name forevermore.**

For great is your love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

**The arrogant rise up against me, O God,  
and a band of violent people seeks my life;  
they have not set you before their eyes.**

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

**Turn to me and have mercy on me;  
give your strength to your servant,  
and save the child of your handmaid.**

**Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;  
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

## **Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. 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 13:24-30, 36-43**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and

the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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:**        *How Can I Keep From Singing*

ELW 763

**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**

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*(A brief silence.)*

God our source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us.  
God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see.  
God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. We pray especially for Gabriel, Shiela, Christine, Deanna, Ron, Johann, Judy, Al, Pastor Chuck, Ron, Marshall, Steve, Sean and Kristina. We especially lift up Jaycee and Johann at the end of life. We pray for comfort for the family of Carol Skelly (Sherry's cousin). We continue to pray for conflicts in Gaza, Ukraine, and Iran and contiguous countries. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**  
*(Here other intercessions may be offered.)*

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

**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 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.**

## 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:**

***As the Grains of Wheat  
Come, Let Us Eat  
Bread of Life from Heaven***

ELW 465  
ELW 491  
ELW 474

*(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. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:**

***For the Fruit of All Creation***

ELW 679

**Dismissal :**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:**

*Neither Death Nor Life* ELW 622



Today after worship - join us for BBQ, fun, and fellowship!

**SUMMER PICNIC:** Join us after worship today for hamburgers, hot dogs, fun and fellowship! Bring spare change to donate for 5th Sunday for August, American Cancer Society.

### **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 July 20-25***

Monday: Revelation 14:12-20

Tuesday: Psalm 75

Wednesday: Acts 13:26-33a

Thursday: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Friday: Psalm 119:129-136

Saturday: Acts 11:27-12:3a

### **Next Sunday, July 26th:**

1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39;  
and Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

**Today, Sunday July 19th, Pentecost 8**

9:20am Choir practice

10 am Worship Service

**CHURCH PICNIC!**

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

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

**Saturday**

**Sunday July 26th, 9th Sunday after Pentecost**

9:20 am - Choir Practice

10 am - Worship Service

**JULY Worship Services**

If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.

|                          | July 5                       | July 12                    | July 19                       | July 26                    | August 2nd                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Preacher</b>          | <b>Pastor Yukio Hamada</b>   | <b>Pastor Yukio Hamada</b> | <b>Pastor Yukio Hamada</b>    | <b>Pastor Yukio Hamada</b> | <b>Pastor Yukio Hamada</b>    |
| <b>Assistant</b>         | <b>Sherry W</b>              | <b>Ray W</b>               | <b>Karen O</b>                | <b>Sherry W</b>            | <b>Ray W</b>                  |
| <b>Lector</b>            | <b>Sherry W</b>              | <b>Lisa S</b>              | <b>Cathy H</b>                | <b>Mary F</b>              | <b>Sherry W</b>               |
| <b>Usher</b>             | <b>Tim H &amp; Allen P</b>   | <b>Steve &amp; LeAnn T</b> | <b>Tim H &amp; Jeff S</b>     | <b>Skip &amp; Marcia E</b> | <b>Tim H &amp; Gladys K</b>   |
| <b>Communion</b>         | <b>Candace &amp; Marie R</b> | <b>Karen O</b>             | <b>Candace &amp; Marie R</b>  | <b>Cathy H</b>             | <b>Karen O &amp; Gladys K</b> |
| <b>Tiny Tims</b>         | <b>Daniel R</b>              | <b>Monica G</b>            | <b>Briget D</b>               | <b>Michelle G</b>          | <b>Daniel R</b>               |
| <b>Video &amp; Sound</b> | <b>Ray W</b>                 | <b>Ray W</b>               | <b>Ray W</b>                  | <b>Ray W</b>               | <b>Ray W</b>                  |
| <b>Counters</b>          | <b>Ray W &amp; Jeff S</b>    | <b>Tim H &amp; Mary F</b>  | <b>Mary F &amp; Candace O</b> | <b>Tim H &amp; Jeff S</b>  | <b>Ray W &amp; Candace O</b>  |
| <b>Music</b>             | <b>Gary S.</b>               | <b>Gary S.</b>             | <b>Gary S.</b>                | <b>Gary S.</b>             | <b>Gary S.</b>                |
| <b>Care Coordinator</b>  | <b>Karen O.</b>              | <b>Karen O.</b>            | <b>Karen O.</b>               | <b>Karen O.</b>            | <b>Karen O.</b>               |

## **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:**

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

**FOOD PANTRY VISITS:** We had 68 visitors this week. Karen O ,Sherry, and Gladys shop frequently. We need soup, toilet paper, fruit, snacks (especially fruit snacks, granola bars), cereal, tomato products, pasta, tomato sauce and corn. Donations are appreciated.

Prayers for volunteers and clients are always appreciated.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Join Trinity Lutheran Church for VBS August 3rd-7th 9am-2pm. The week will end with a BBQ (free for all!) at Covenant Presbyterian from 4pm-7pm. Interested? Find more information and registration online at [tlcgresham.com](http://tlcgresham.com) or reach out to Jasmine in the office. Volunteers are always appreciated!

**BIBLE STUDY and Pastor Update:** Pastor Yukio continues to lead Bible study, Manna and Mercy, on zoom at 6:45pm on Wednesdays. Office hours are changing to Wed 10-2; 2nd and 4th Fri 10-2, first and third Sat 10 to 2.

**MUSIC IN THE PARK:** Plan to attend music in the park on July 24th beginning at 6:30. Blues band, food cart, and booths to explore your neighborhood. If you have not been to Parklane Park this is your opportunity. Address: SE 155th and Main

**CHURCH PROPERTY NEEDS:** If you know of contractors or other professionals that might help with a bid on bathroom remodel in basement and flooring in the Sanctuary please contact Ray Whitford

**GWOH IS BACK!** Join us Sept 12th for work at non-profit sites including Cultivate and worship together at MHCC on the 13th. More info coming

**TREASURER UPDATE:** Good news! We are slightly ahead of our projection. Thank you for the faithful giving, we are \$5,690.00 to the good.