

**Sunday, July 26th, 2026
Ninth 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

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

WOV 783

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: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son
you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your
wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)***Children's Message****First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12**

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

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

Psalm 86:11-17

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

**When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**

I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.

**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**

Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

**Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**

Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

**My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God 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 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them,

"Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." 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:

Be Thou My Vision

WOV 776

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 wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way.

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

God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places.

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

God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples' stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. We especially lift up Gabriel, Sandy Sanders, Kirk Maize, Christine, Deanna, Ron, Johann, Judy, Al, Pastor Chuck, Ron, Marshall, Steve, Sean, and Kristina. We pray for comfort and peace for the family of Jaycee (Shannon's sister). God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us.

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

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. 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,
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.*

ELW page 144b

(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: ***We Eat the Bread of Teaching
Come, Let Us Eat
Let Us Break Bread Together***

ELW 518
ELW 491
ELW 471

(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: ***Blessed Assurance***

ELW 638

Dismissal :

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Neither Death Nor Life ELW 622

Jesus on a Stick

Jesus continues to be everywhere you are!
Where have you noticed Jesus is with you this summer?



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 7-August 1

Monday: James 3:13-18
Tuesday: Ephesians 6:10-18
Wednesday: Mark 4:30-34
Thursday: Isaiah 55:1-5
Friday: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Saturday: Romans 9:1-5

Next Sunday, August 2nd:

Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5;
and Matthew 14:13-21

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday July 26th, Pentecost 9

9:20am Choir practice

10 am Worship Service

Monday 10am - 1pm Office & Pantry Hours

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Wednesday 10 am -1 pm Office & Pantry hours

Thursday 10 am -1 pm Office & Pantry hours

Friday 10 am -1 pm Office Hours

Saturday

Sunday August 2nd, 10th 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
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Sherry W	Ray W	Karen O	Sherry W	Ray W
Lector	Sherry W	Lisa S	Cathy H	Mary F	Sherry W
Usher	Tim H & Allen P	Steve & LeAnn T	Tim H & Jeff S	Skip & Marcia E	Tim H & Gladys K
Communion	Candace & Marie R	Karen O	Candace & Marie R	Cathy H	Karen O & Gladys K
Tiny Tims	Daniel R	Monica G	Briget D	Michelle G	Daniel R
Video & Sound	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W
Counters	Ray W & Jeff S	Tim H & Mary F	Mary F & Candace O	Tim H & Jeff S	Ray W & Candace O
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 8 under Distribution.

WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE on Sundays at 10 am at:

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

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: We had 84 visitors this week. Karen O, Sherry, and Gladys continue to shop frequently. We need white rice, packaged beans, lentils, soup, toilet paper, fruit, snacks (especially fruit snacks, granola bars), cereal, tomato products, pasta. ***Donations are needed!*** 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 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.

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 at 10 am. More info coming. Committee meets at St Tims on the 29th at 1.

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.

PICNIC EVALUATION: Please complete the evaluation of this event available at the usher table. Evaluations may be returned in the offering plate or to an usher. Thanks to all who helped and participated!