

**Sunday, August 23rd, 2026
Thirteenth 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

Bind Us Together

WOV 748

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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of
our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we
may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Children's Message

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.
L: The word of the LORD, **C:Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

**The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

**You will make good your purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. 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 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

ELW 596

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

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(A brief silence.)

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world.

Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation especially our parks and areas in danger of wildfires. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster Iran, Gaza, Westbank, and Ukraine. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day Katie, Gabriel, Kirk, Sandy, Christine, Deanna, Ron, Judy, Al, Pastor Chuck, Ron, Marshall, Steve, Sean, Doug, Carol G and Kristina We also lift up Laurie and Marcia in Hospice Care.

Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. We are especially mindful of those assisting with our food ministry.

Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Especially Johann and family as they navigate their loss. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, 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 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: ***Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
Just a Closer Walk
Beautiful Savior***

ELW 623
ELW 697
ELW838

(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:

Take My Life That I May Be

ELW 583

Dismissal :

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

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude:

We Are All One in Mission ELW 576

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 and food.
- + 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 East 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 August 24-29

Monday: 1 Corinthians 12:27-31a

Tuesday: Romans 11:33-36

Wednesday: Matthew 26:6-13

Thursday: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Friday: Psalm 26:1-8

Saturday: Romans 12:9-21

Next Sunday, August 30th:

Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21;
and Matthew 16:21-28

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday August 23rd, Pentecost 13

9:20am Choir practice

10 am Worship Service

Monday 10am - 1pm Office & Pantry Hours

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Thursday 10 am -1 pm Office & Pantry hours

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Saturday

Sunday August 30th, 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:20 am - Choir Practice

10 am - Worship Service

AUGUST Worship Services

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

	August 2nd	August 9th	August 16th	August 23rd	August 30th
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Curtis Zieske	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Ray W	Karen O	Sherry W	Ray W	Karen O
Lector	Sherry W	Lisa S	Mary F	Cathy H	Sherry W
Usher	Tim H & Gladys K	Allen P & Jeff S	Krip & Marcia E	Steve & LeAnn Tobias	Tim H & Gladys K
Communion	Karen O & Gladys K	Candace & Marie R	Cathy H	Marie Robison & Gladys K	Cathy H
Tiny Tims	Daniel R	Amanda M	Monica G	No Sunday School	Michelle G
Video & Sound	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W
Counters	Ray W & Candace O	Tim H & Mary F	Candace O & Jeff S	Ray W & Mary F	Tim H & 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 91 visitors this week. We are in need of juice, fruit snacks and other snacks, protein other than tuna, soup, ramen, toilet paper, corn, cereal, and rice. Remember gardeners you may bring vegetables, fruits to share.

CELEBRATE WITH THE HENDERSONS: During Fellowship hour, the Hendersons will be celebrating **45 years!** Help them to celebrate this amazing milestone with cake and ice cream!

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

BACK TO SCHOOL Blessing of Students and their backpacks next Sunday, August 30. Bring 'em if you have 'em.

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

THURSDAY NIGHT CHOIR next meets September 10th at 7pm to prepare for the GWOH Choir singing Sunday September 13. Join any week.

DIRECTORY UPDATES: Please complete so we have correct information. We especially need contacts of family for single members.

FIFTH SUNDAY: giving is to American Cancer Society. Please consider giving to this organization for those currently fighting cancer in our lives and those no longer with us, especially Jean Whitford. Keep in mind that the November Fifth Sunday giving is Coats for Kids for Centennial School District.

SNOWCAP SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Please pick up the list of supplies and consider shopping and bringing to St. Timothy. We will deliver with egg cartons.