

**Sunday, September 6th, 2026
15th 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

When *We Are Living*

ELW 639

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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.
Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is
harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 18:15-20

Jesus said to the disciples: "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." 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: *God's Work, Our Hands*

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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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers,
confident that God hears us.

(A brief silence.)

Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to announce
the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in unexpected ways.
Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs
of all. Protect grasslands, marshes, swamps, and all places of transition.
Heal communities crying out after disaster.
Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away
from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the
good of all who labor. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore
broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry
with us. We pray especially for Carol G, Katie, Gabriel, Sandy, Christine,
Deanna, Ron, Judy, Al Pastor Chuck, Ron, Marshall, Steve, Sean, Doug,

Vincent , and Kristina. Hear us, O God. Continue to watch over Marcia S in Hospice care. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections.

Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for Laurie and all who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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: **Beautiful Savior**
Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether
As We Gather at Your Table
(Please rise as you are able)

ELW 838
ELW 470
ELW 522

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (together)

C: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing:

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

The God of grace † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ELW 836

Dismissal :

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding ELW 246

A DAY OF SERVICE
for
THE EAST COUNTY MINISTRY ALLIANCE



You are invited to join members of
Covenant Presbyterian, Trinity Lutheran, St. Aiden/Santa
Cruz, Pilgrim Lutheran, Laumalie Taha 'Ia Kalaisi First Tongan
(UMC), St. Timothy Lutheran
In Serving Our Neighbors...

Saturday, September 12, 2026
COMMISSIONING SERVICE

10 am - 2 pm

St. Timothy (14500 SE Powell Blvd)

Sunday, September 13, 2026
JOINT WORSHIP & POTLUCK

Mt. Hood Community College

(26000 SE Stark St, Gresham)

WORSHIP IN JAZZ CAFE & TOWN AND GOWN ROOMS
PLEASE USE LOTS A & B

11 am - 1 pm

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 September 7-12

Monday: 1 Peter 2:11-17
Tuesday: Psalm 119:65-72
Wednesday: Matthew 21:18-22
Thursday: Genesis 50:15-21
Friday: Psalm 103:[1-7]8-13
Saturday: Romans 14:1-12

Next Sunday, September 13th:

God's Work. Our Hands.
Worship at Mt. Hood Community College.

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday September 6th, Pentecost 15

9:20am Choir practice

10 am Worship Service

Monday

10am - 1pm Office & Pantry Hours

Tuesday

10am - 1 pm Office & Pantry hours

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 September 13, 16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:20 am - Choir Practice **at Mt. Hood Community College**

10 am - Worship Service **at Mt. Hood Community College**

SEPTEMBER Worship Services

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

	September 6th	September 13th	September 20th	September 27th	October 4th
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	GWOH	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Sherry W	GWOH	Karen O	Sherry W	
Lector	Lisa S	GWOH	Karen O	Sherry W	
Usher	Allen P & Jeff S	GWOH	LeAnn & Steve T	Tim H & Gladys K	
Communion	Candace & Marie R	GWOH	Karen O & Gladys K	Cathy H	
Tiny Tims	Daniel R	GWOH	Monica G	Briget D	
Video & Sound	Ray W	GWOH	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W
Counters	Ray W & Tim H	GWOH	Ray W & Candace O	Tim H & Jeff S	
Music	Gary S.	GWOH	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coordinator	Karen O.	GWOH	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 79 visitors this week. We have been blessed by many shoppers and donations this week. We still can use donations of fruit, water, juice, coffee, and hot chocolate. Remember gardeners you may bring vegetables, fruits to share.

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

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! Next Saturday join us for service projects from 10am-2pm. Commissioning will be at St. Timothy and then all will proceed to sites they wish to volunteer at. Please come and help. We will not be worshipping at St. Timothy but at ***Mt. Hood Community College next Sunday September 13th at 11 am.*** If you wish to car pool to the site please leave message at St Timothy or email the office. Questions? Comments? Concerns? Please reach out to Sherry W, our God's Work Our Hands liaison.

THURSDAY NIGHT CHOIR is back. Join us Thursdays at 7pm.

FELLOWSHIP: Fellowship: September Coffee Hours - On September 6th, there will be a "snack included" in addition to the beverages and on September 27th, we celebrate birthdays.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Those who have not completed their green contact sheet will be given a sheet with their name on it. Others attending via YOUTUBE we will email you the form. Please complete so we have correct information. We especially need contacts of family for single members.

CHURCH COUNCIL: meets on Sept. 8th at 6:30. All are welcome.