

**Sunday, September 20th, 2026
16th 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

All Who Love and Serve Your City

ELW 724

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: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your
servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful
judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness
and who seek the Lord:
Look to the rock from which you were cut
and to the quarry from which you were hewn;
look to Abraham, your father,
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.
When I called him he was only one man,
and I blessed him and made him many.
The Lord will surely comfort Zion
and will look with compassion on all her ruins;
he will make her deserts like Eden,
her wastelands like the garden of the Lord.
Joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.
"Listen to me, my people;
hear me, my nation:
Instruction will go out from me;
my justice will become a light to the nations.
My righteousness draws near speedily,
my salvation is on the way,
and my arm will bring justice to the nations.
The islands will look to me
and wait in hope for my arm.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
look at the earth beneath;
the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment
and its inhabitants die like flies.
But my salvation will last forever,
my righteousness will never fail.
L: The word of the LORD, **C:Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-8

Of David.

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
before the “gods” I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple
and will praise your name
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,
for you have so exalted your solemn decree
that it surpasses your fame.**

When I called, you answered me;
you greatly emboldened me.

**May all the kings of the earth praise you, Lord,
when they hear what you have decreed.**

May they sing of the ways of the Lord,
for the glory of the Lord is great.

**Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life.

You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;
with your right hand you save me.

**The Lord will vindicate me;
your love, Lord, endures forever—
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation.

And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.
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 20:1-16

Jesus said to the disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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: *Lord of All Hopefulness*

ELW 765

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.)

Hold your church accountable for our unwillingness to share your good news and our anger at your generosity to others. Nourish us by your grace to be witnesses to your love. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Guide scientists and researchers studying responses to the climate crisis so that all your creation may inspire us to give thanks for your great goodness. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Show employers the benefits of equal pay standards for all their employees. Reconcile conflicts between employees. Fill places of employment with camaraderie, and bring an end to employment disparity. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Encourage any who cannot work or who cannot work a full day with the truth that their value comes from your everlasting love for them. Provide for those who are injured, ill, and for all in any need Katie, Gabriel, Sandy, Christine, Deanne, Ron, Judy, Al, Pastor Chuck, Ron, Marshall, Steve, Sean,

Doug, Vincent, Kristina, and Erin Crown. We lift up Marcia Severson in Hospice Care and those who knew Carol G for comfort in her death. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Strengthen all those in this congregation whose labor serves the needs of others in the community especially our Food Pantry, Fifth Sunday donations including future Coat Drive, and GWOH last week end. Inspire all in this congregation to support community endeavors with our time and talents. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**
(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Comfort us with the promise of the resurrection as we remember all our loved ones whose desire to be with Jesus is fulfilled. 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. **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: 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: *Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading*
Great God, Your Love has called to Us
Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW 401
ELW 358
ELW 659

(Please rise as you are able)

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:

Rise Up, O Saints of God

ELW 669

Dismissal :

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

Take My Life that I may Be ELW 583

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.

Daily Readings for September 21-26

Monday: Ephesians 2:4-10

Tuesday: Genesis 28:10-17

Wednesday: Matthew 18:1-5

Thursday: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Friday: Psalm 25:1-9

Saturday: Philippians 2:1-13

Next Sunday, September 27th:

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-3;
and Matthew 21:23-32

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday September 20th, Pentecost 17

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 September 27, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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	Sherry W	Karen O	
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 and James G	Ray W & James G	Ray W and James G
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 are in the most need of fruit, water, juice, coffee, hot chocolate, corn, snacks especially chips, granola bars, cereal, protein, etc. Remember gardeners you may bring vegetables and fruits to share!

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

CHURCH PROPERTY NEEDS: We continue to work on specific building renovations and funding. Watch for the thermometers to measure our fundraising and "banks" for coins. Every little donation helps--years ago we had a fundraiser for One Brick at a Time that funded our upstairs accessible bathroom.

FELLOWSHIP NOTES: On September 27th, we celebrate birthdays!

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE meets today following worship.

SOCIAL CONCERNS meets next Sunday, the 27th regarding the Food Pantry and Coat Drive.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Join us on October 4th after worship.

We will be discussing 3 emergency property projects and approve expenditures per our constitution/bylaws. We have funds available! More expensive projects will be discussed and funded via donations as we are able.