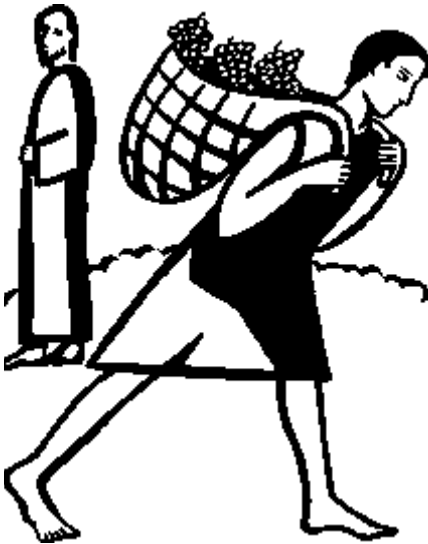


**Sunday, September 27th, 2026
18th Sunday of Pentecost
St. Timothy Lutheran Church**



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 *Lord, Keep US Steadfast in Your Word*

ELW 517

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: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace
to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the
way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live. L: The word of the LORD, **C:Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord,
I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

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: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

ELW 588

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.)

Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt by the church and dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need especially Katie, Sylvia, Gabriel, Sandy, Christine, Deanne, Ron, Judy, Al Pastor Chuck, Ron, Marshall, Steve, Doug Kristina, and Barb V. Grant us your salvation. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Change this congregation's heart when we say no to your call. Continue to open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks. 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: *Take, O Take ME As I Am*
 Just As I Am
 *Oh God, My Faithful God***

ELW 814
ELW 592
ELW 806

(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: *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

ELW 538

Dismissal :

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

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

God's Work Our Hands ELW 731

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 28-October 3

Monday: Psalm 28
Tuesday: Revelation 12:7-12
Wednesday: Judges 16:23-31
Thursday: Isaiah 5:1-7
Friday: Psalm 80:7-15
Saturday: Philippians 3:4b-14

Next Sunday, October 4th:

Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14;
and Matthew 21:33-46

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday September 27th, Pentecost 18

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

Friday 10 am -1 pm Office Hours

Saturday

Sunday October 4th, 19th 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	Ray Whitford Gladys K
Lector	Lisa S	GWOH	Sherry W	Karen O	Lisa S
Usher	Allen P & Jeff S	GWOH	LeAnn & Steve T	Tim H & Gladys K	Tim H & Allen P
Communion	Candace & Marie R	GWOH	Karen O & Gladys K	Cathy H	Candace & Marie R
Tiny Tims	Daniel R	GWOH	Monica G	Briget D	Daniel
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	Ray W & Tim H
Music	Gary S.	GWOH	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coordinator	Karen O.	GWOH	Karen O.	Karen O.	Sherry W

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 90 visitors this week. We are in the most need of fruit, water, juice, coffee, hot chocolate, corn, and green and other beans, snacks especially chips, granola bars, cereal, protein, soup, protein other than tuna, peanut butter, etc. Remember gardeners you may bring vegetables and fruits to share!

PORTLAND FOOD PROJECT PICK UP: Join us on October 10th for our Portland Food Project food pickup. This partnership is essential to keep our food pantry sustained. Please consider volunteering from at 9:30 at Open Bible and 11:30 at St. Tims.

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: Join us after worship today as we celebrate September birthdays!!

SOCIAL CONCERNS meets today after worship to discuss 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.

ATTENTION SEWERS: We have material in the Hospitality House available. Do you quilt with other groups? Let us know.