

STEWARDSHIP 2023

**Joyfully**

**TOGETHER**

*We Give to God what belongs to God*

**Pentecost 19**

October 8, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Worship Service

## Pentecost 19

*St. Timothy Lutheran joyfully welcomes all people of any race, national origin, age, gender, ability, relationship status, political affiliation or sexual orientation, whether you are a believer, doubter or seeker. We welcome all because God welcomes all. Sharing and learning from our different experiences and ideas about life and faith, we live the love of Christ together.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude..... “What Shall I Render to the Lord” ..... *Tiefenbach*

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✚ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**  
**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✚ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn ..... **“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”** ..... #729  
*(Stanzas 1, 3 & 5)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Word**

Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Children's Sermon

First Reading ..... *2 Corinthians 5:14-20*

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse.....*p. 124*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty first chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading ..... *Matthew 21:33-46*

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ <sup>41</sup>They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes’?”

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon ..... *Pastor Said*

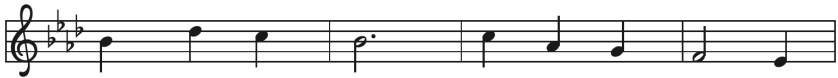
Hymn of the Day ..... “*God’s Work, Our Hands*”  
 (Choir sings verse one)



1 God’s work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
 2 God’s work, our feet: trav - ’ling to - geth - er,  
 3 God’s work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread’s on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - ’ring the cold.  
 run - ning the race with God’s fu - ture the goal.  
 claim - ing God’s love for the lost and the least.  
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God’s love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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Prayers of Intercession

*After each petition, the Pastor says:*

Gracious God,

*The people respond:*

**receive our prayer.**

*After the final petition, the people say:*

**Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Offering of Our Gifts

Offering Anthem..... “Cornerstone” ..... *Hayes*  
*(The Choir)*

Offertory Prayer

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

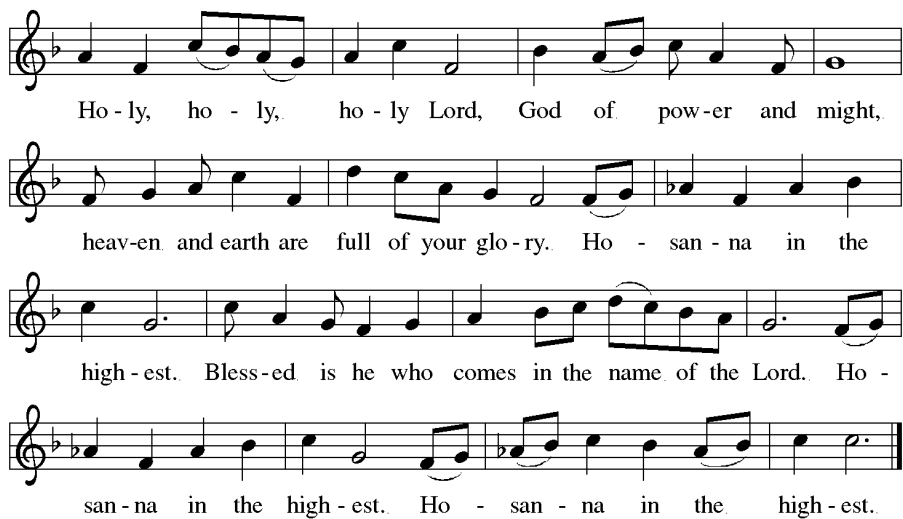
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right.... praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

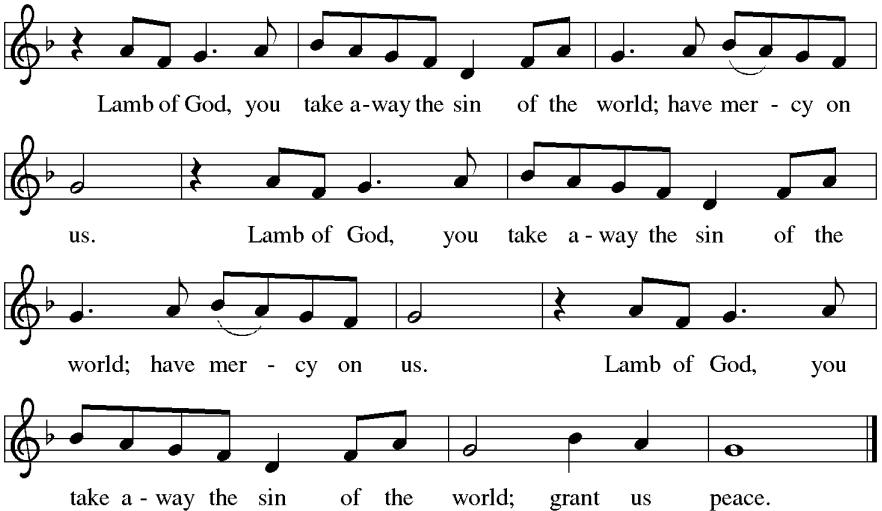


Distribution of Communion

All people are invited to the Lord's table of grace. We offer Holy Communion by individual glass, **the red glasses are filled with wine and the white glasses are grape juice.** **Gluten free** wafers are available from a pastor upon request. If you prefer to receive communion at your pew, just let the usher know. Children who have not yet received Holy Communion instruction are invited forward to receive a blessing as well as anyone who doesn't want to receive communion.

***Before and after you receive communion, please spend time in silent prayer for yourself and for everyone in our congregation. You are invited to visit the prayer wall and write a prayer and place it on the wall.***

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymn.....“Take My Life” ..... #685

Post Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where non are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus’ name we pray.

**Amen.**

Blessing

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Closing Hymn..... “**You Servants of God**”..... #825

Dismissal

People of God, what are we called to do?

**Live the love of Christ!**

In that love, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude ..... “Psalm 100” ..... *Wood*

Worship Volunteers

October 7 & 8	Saturday 5:00	Sunday 9:30 a.m.
<b>Reader</b>	Christina Maki	Claude Groves
<b>Deacon(s)</b>	N/A	Lary Pfeiffer
	N/A	Janet Ohaver
<b>Cantor</b>	Vicki Oftedal	The Choir
<b>Worship Assistant</b>	Christina Maki	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gideon Maki	Annie Wohlfahrt
<b>Usher</b>	Mary Hasselberger	Bill Wilson
<b>Usher</b>	N/A	Rachel Overton

*If you are a visitor, we welcome you as siblings in Christ as together we “Live the love of Christ.” We are happy you are here, and we would like to get to know you. As you leave the sanctuary, please introduce yourself to the pastors and sign the guest register at the Welcome Center in the narthex.*

*If you wish to request prayers for fellow members, family members or friends, please email them to [sttimothyprays@gmail.com](mailto:sttimothyprays@gmail.com). Our Prayer Line members will join you in praying for anyone who needs your prayers.*

## **St. Timothy Lutheran Church**

**Pastors:** Sarah Swindall, Associate Pastor  
Saïd Ailabouni, Interim Pastor

**Staff:** Katie Andrade, Director of Worship and Music  
Debbie Cargo, Organist  
Laura Frego, Children's Ministry Coordinator  
Gwen Holst, Organist/Accompanist  
Derek Howell, Sound Technician  
Kirsten Holzhauer, Keyboardist  
Amado Martinez, Custodian  
Susie Merrihew, Health and Wellness Ministry Coordinator  
Susan Moraski, Office Administrator  
Jana Tindall, Health and Wellness Ministry Coordinator