St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

August 16, 2026
9:30am

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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 ..... "For the Healing of the Nations".....*Kaan & Bising*

Please stand if you are able.

GATHERING HYMN…… **"Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"**..…**#535**

OUR CHURCH IN SIERRA LEONE

CHILDREN'S ACCLAMATION

He's got the whole world in his hands.
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Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING……...……*Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

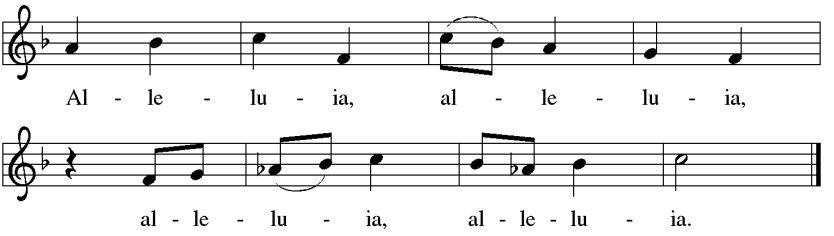
[1] Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

[6] And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—
[7] these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
[8] Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand if you are able.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the fifteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING……*Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28*

[10 [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and
understand:11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is
what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” 12 Then the disciples approached
and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they
heard what you said?” 13 He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father
has not planted will be uprooted. 14 Let them alone; they are blind guides of
the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a
pit.” 15 But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” 16 Then he said,
“Are you also still without understanding? 17 Do you not see that whatever
goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? 18 But
what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what
defiles. 19 For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual
immorality, theft, false witness, slander. 20 These are what defile a person,
but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and
Sidon. 22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started
shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is
tormented by a demon.” 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples
came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after
us.” 24 He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of
Israel.” 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” 26 He
answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the
dogs.” 27 She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall
from their masters’ table.” 28 Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is
your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was
healed from that moment.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON .....*Rev. Cathy Daharsh*

Please stand if you are able.
HYMN OF THE DAY…**“Christ Has Risen, Hallelujah”**..... .. ***#364***

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Pastor will end each petition with:

Lord, in your mercy,

The congregation is invited to respond with:

receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING ANTHEM…….”We Are The World”……...……..*Emerson*

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Triune God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from all the ends of the Earth, for yours is the glory, in our unity, through Jesus Christ, now and forever **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

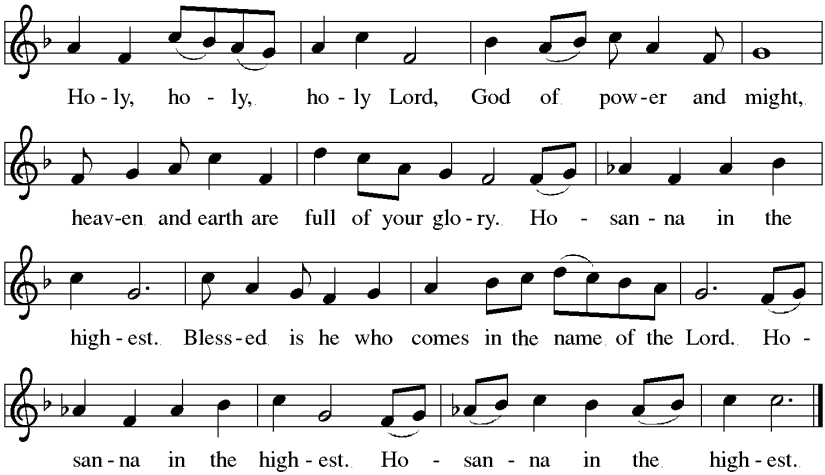
Lift up your hearts.

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…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

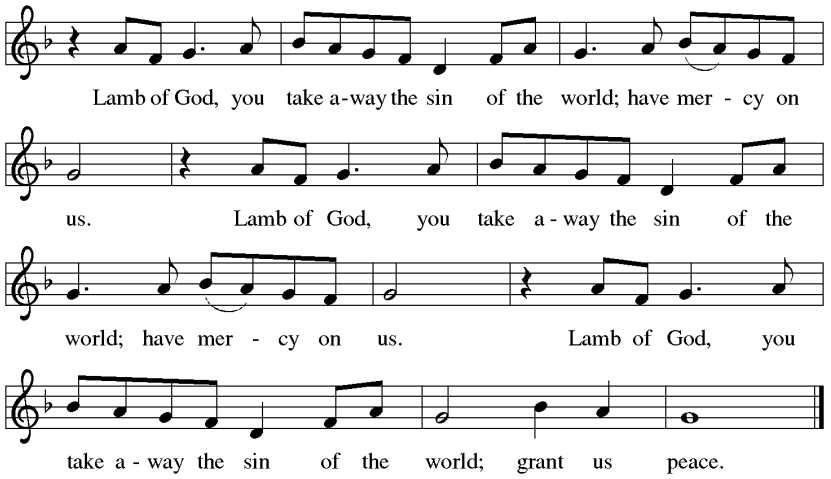
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.*

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN……**“For the Healing of the Nations”**

Please stand if you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor ✢ and give you peace. **Amen**.

SENDING HYMN.....**“We Are Marching”** ..... ***#866***

DISMISSAL

People of God, what are we called to do? **Live the love of Christ!**
In that love, go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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, we invite you to introduce yourself to the pastors and complete a yellow "Visitor Card". You may give the card to one of the pastors or drop it in the offering plate.

If you wish to request prayers for yourself, family members or friends, please email them to prayerline@sttimothylutheran.com. Our Prayer Line members will join you in praying for anyone who needs your prayers.

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