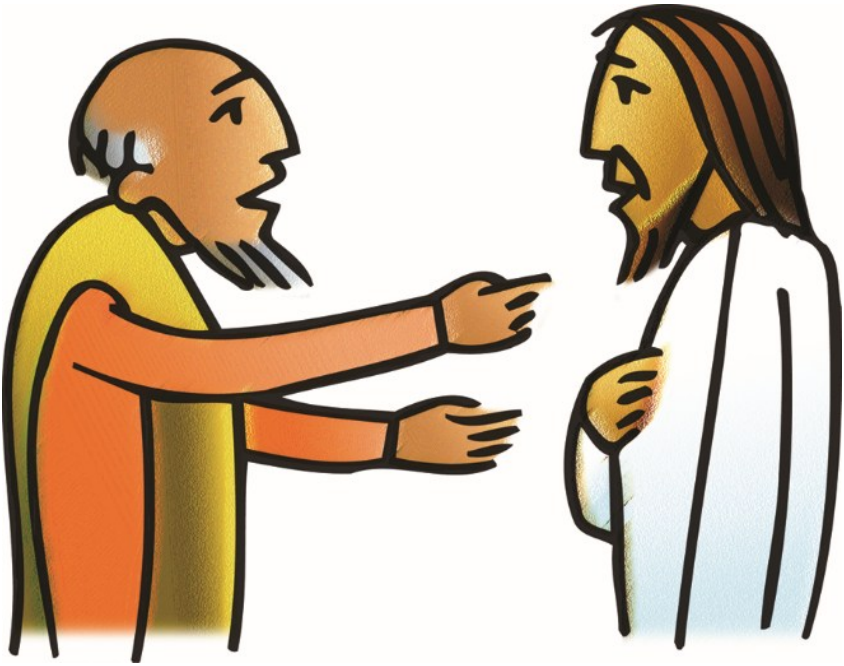
# St. Timothy Lutheran Church



## Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

August 23, 2026
9:30 PM

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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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... *Peals of Praise*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Please stand if you are able.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.
**Amen.**

Compassionate God,
**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves from self-serving behaviors and the weight of this world. We fail to see your power within ourselves, instead we claim it as our own. In your mercy, call us back to you, for your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

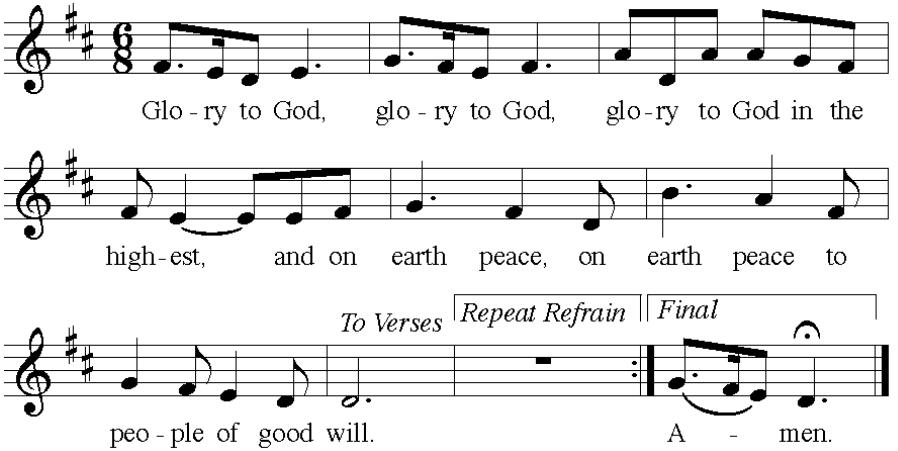
GATHERING HYMN.....**"How Firm a Foundation"** .. ……..…**ELW 796**
*(verses 1, 2, & 4)*

GREETING

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

GLORY TO GOD

*Choir sings verses, congregation sings refrain*




PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S ACCLAMATION

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

BLESSING OF THE BIBLES

*Please be seated.*

FIRST READING .....*Isaiah 51:1-6*

[1] Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn

and to the quarry from which you were dug.
[2] Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
[3] For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
[4] Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
[5] I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
[6] Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING ..... *Romans 12:1-8*

[1] I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. [2] Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

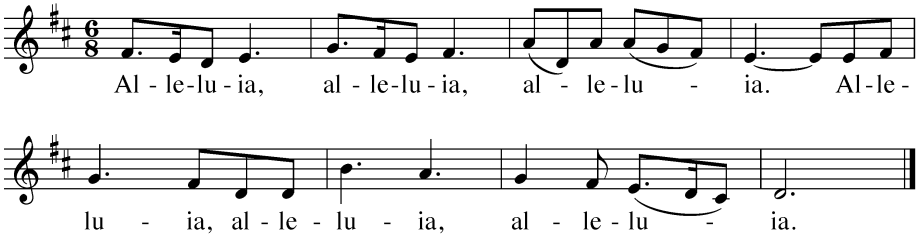
[3] For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. [4] For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, [5] so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. [6] We have gifts that

differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; [7] ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; [8] the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION




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

GOSPEL READING ..... *Matthew 16:13-20*

[13] Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" [14] And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." [15] He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" [16] Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." [17] And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. [18] And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. [19] I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." [20] Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

SERMON ..... *Pastor Jason*

*Please stand if you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY..**"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**…. **ELW 597**

APOSTLES' CREED

**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

*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.**

OFFERTORY......"Come and Follow Me"..... *Franzak*
*(Choir)*

*Please stand if you are able.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Loving God, we bring to your table the gifts of our hearts and our best efforts to respond to your generosity. Help us let go and take heart. It is your grace that moves our offering to bless the world you so love. Receive these gifts, and make of them more than we could ask or imagine, through the Spirit who abides with us, now and forever. **Amen**.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

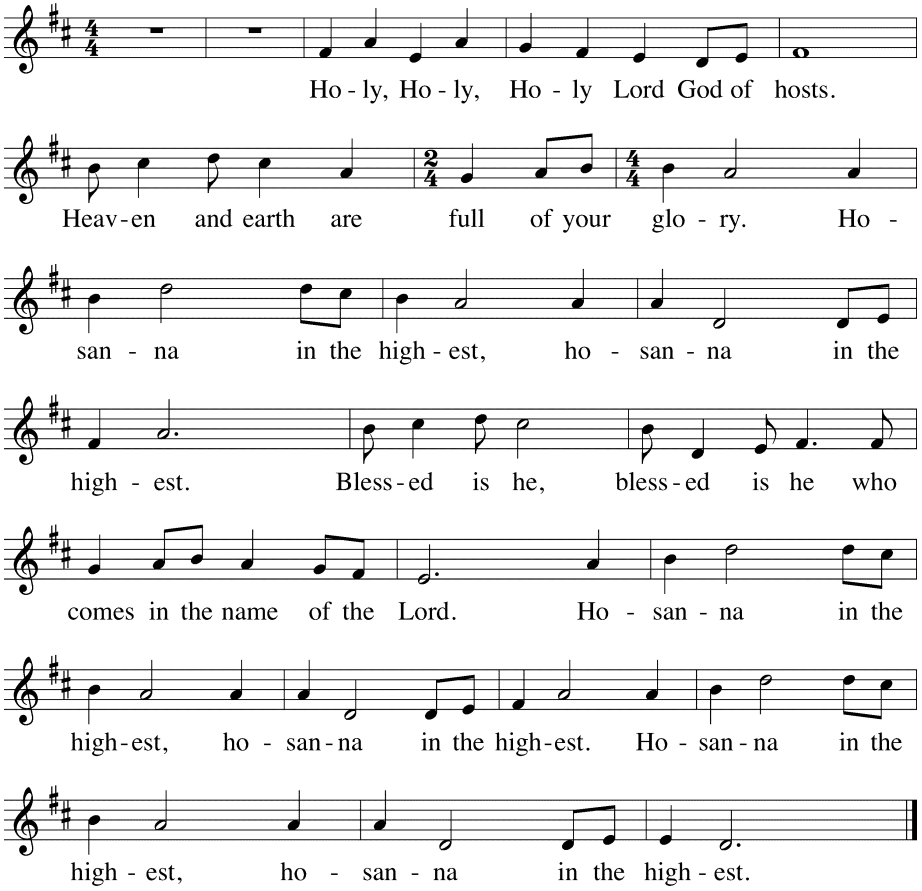
**And also with you.**

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, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

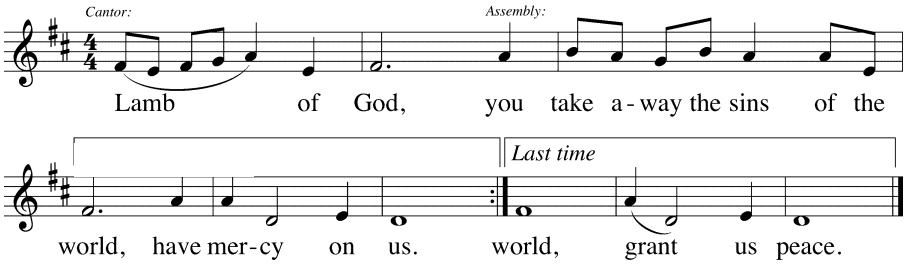
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**
**hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,**
**thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread;**
**and forgive us our trespasses,**
**as we forgive those**
**who trespass against us;**
**and lead us not into temptation,**
**but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom,**
**and the power, and the glory,**
**forever and ever. Amen.**

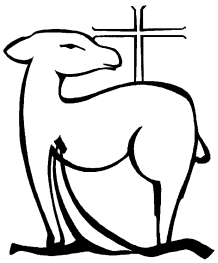
Distribution of Communion

*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

*Repeat 3 times*



COMMUNION HYMN .“**Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”** ..... **ELW 623**

*Please stand if you are able.*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen**.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

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……..... **“Faith of our Fathers”** ..... **ELW 812**

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

***Please use this space for your thoughts & notes:***

***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.***

**St. Timothy Lutheran Church**

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| Pastors: | Jason Anderson, Lead Pastor<br>Sarah Swindall, Associate Pastor |
| Staff: | Christina Maki, Children's Ministry Coordinator<br>Derek Howell, AV Tech Coordinator<br>Joe Menard, Organist / Choir & Bell Director<br>Kirsten Holzhauer, Keyboardist / Accompanist<br>Nicole Goodfellow, Ministries Coordinator<br>Susie Merrihew, Licensed Clinical Social Worker<br>Susan Moraski, Office Administrator |


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