St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

August 30, 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.

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 the sin that weighs us down. We are burdened by self-serving attitudes, we claim your power as our own, we hurt others with greed and disrespect, we knowingly and unknowingly hoard the gifts of your grace. In your mercy replace our sin with your freeing love; for your yoke is easy and burden is light. 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.**

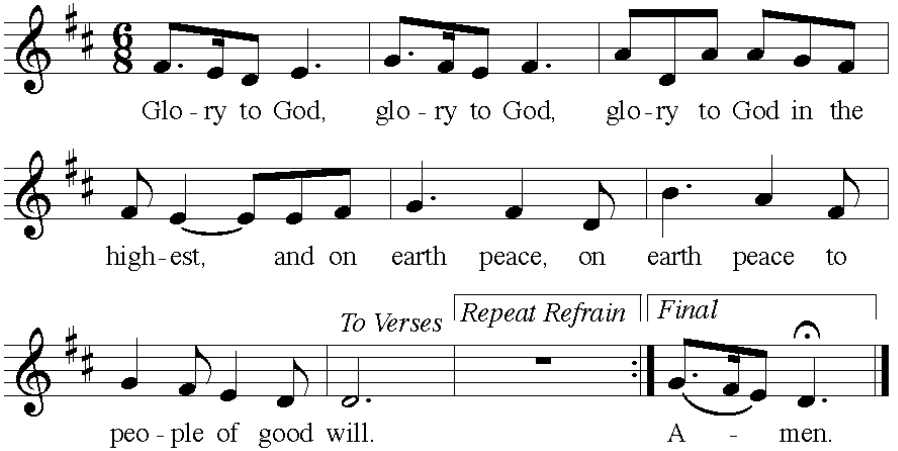
GATHERING HYMN.....**"Lift High the Cross"** ..... ……..…**ELW 660**

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

Cantors sings verses, congregation sings refrain



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S ACCLAMATION

Cast your burdens - unto Jesus
For He cares - for you
Higher higher higher
Higher higher higher
Higher higher higher
Lift Jesus higher higher

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please be seated.

FIRST READING .....*Jeremiah 15:15-21*

15 O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance do not take me away;

know that on your account I suffer insult.
16 Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
17 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.
18 Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

19 Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.
20 And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the LORD.
21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless

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

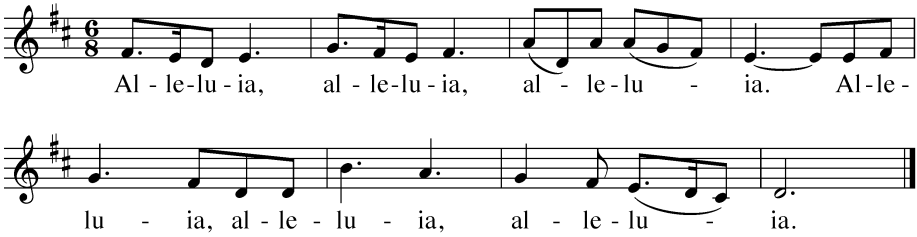
SECOND READING ..... *Romans 12:9-21*
9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; 10 love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.
14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice

with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. [16] Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. [17] Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. [18] If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. [19] Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." [20] Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." [21] Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28*

[21] From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. [22] And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." [23] But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

[24] Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. [25] For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake

will find it. [26] For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?
[27] "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. [28] Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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……**"Will You Come and Follow Me"**….. **ELW 798**
(verses 1, 2 & 5)

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 ..... "How Can I Keep From Singing" ..... *Littleton*

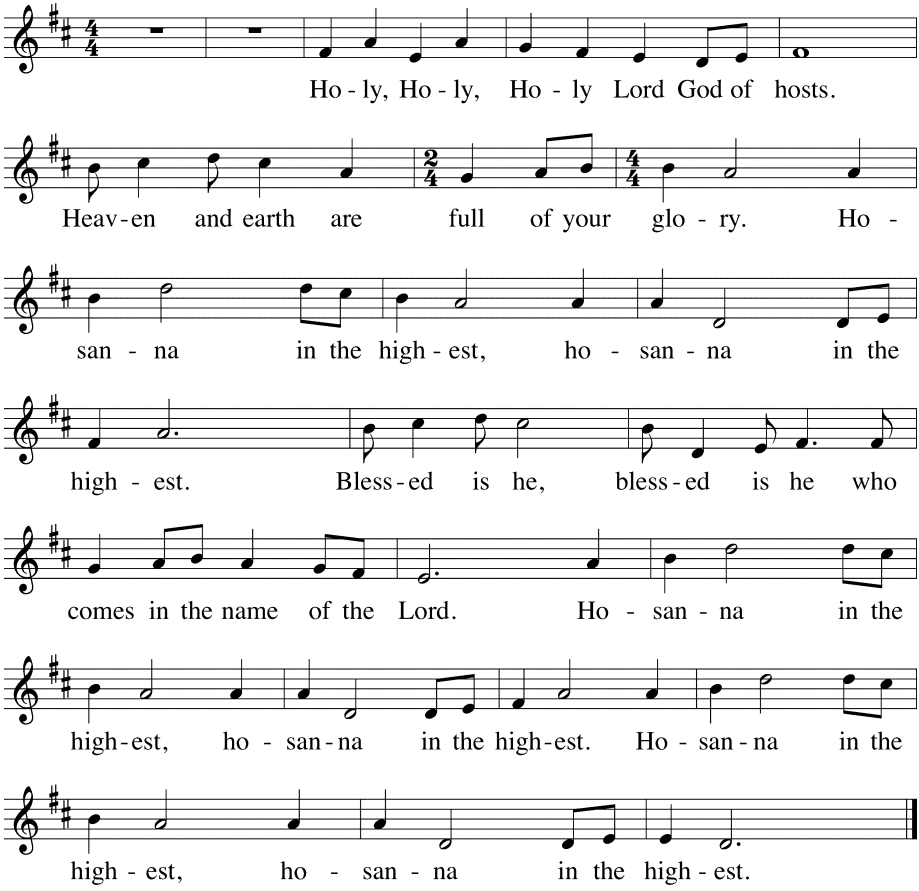
Please stand if you are able.

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

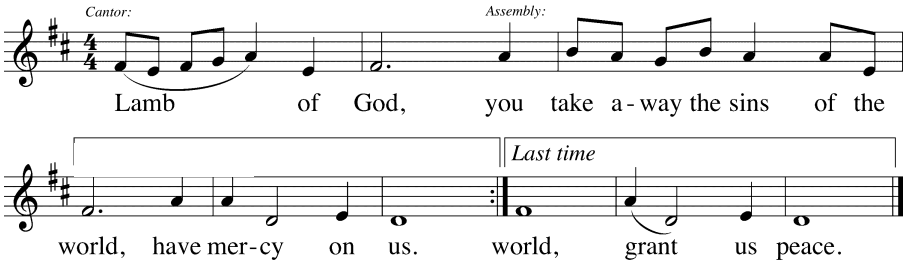
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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

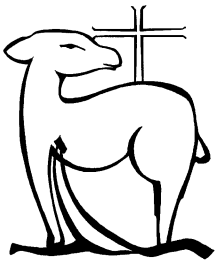
Distribution of Communion

*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..“**Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”** .. **ELW 659**

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…….. **“Let Streams of Living Justice”**……**ELW 710**

DISMISSAL

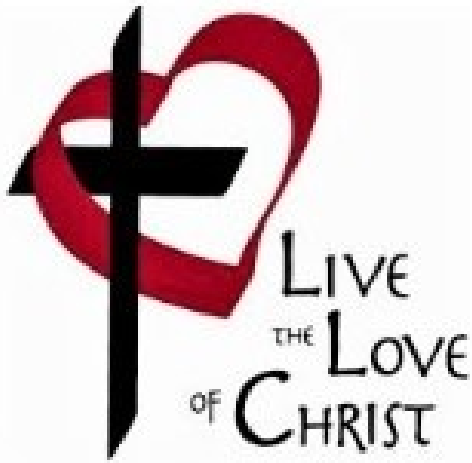
People of God, what are we called to do? **Live the love of Christ!**
In that love, go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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.



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