St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 6, 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.....**"Earth and All Stars!"**..... ……..…**ELW 731**

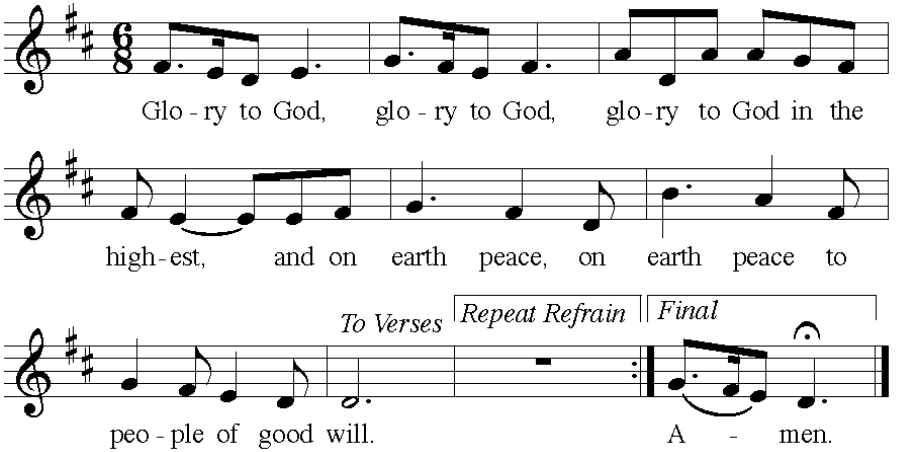
GREETING

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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S ACCLAMATION

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please be seated.

FIRST READING ..... *Ezekiel 3:7-11*

7 So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever
you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If
I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not
speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in
their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn
the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the
wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

10 Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our
transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of
them; how then can we live?" 11 Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I
have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from
their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will
you die, O house of Israel?

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

SECOND READING ..... *Romans 13:8-14*

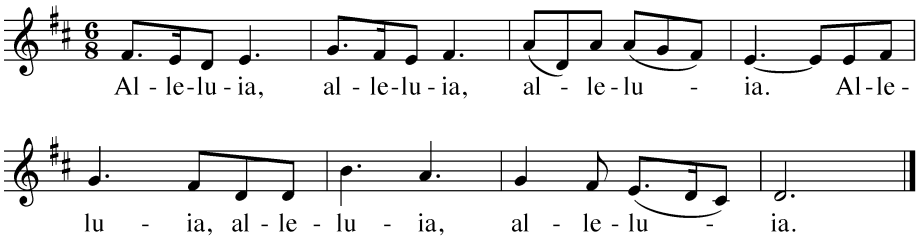
8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves
another has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "You shall not commit
adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and
any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your
neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love
is the fulfilling of the law.

11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment
for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we
became believers; 12 the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw
off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13 let us walk
decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and
licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 Instead, put on the Lord
Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 eighteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING .....*Matthew 18:15-20*
[Jesus said to the disciples:] 15 "If your brother or sister sins against you, go
and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to,
you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two
others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence
of two or three witnesses. 17 If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to
the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a
one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever
you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth
will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on
earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in
heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there
among them."

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

SERMON ..... *Pastor Sarah*

Please stand if you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY…. **"God, When Human Bonds Are Broken"**... **#603**

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.**

NOISY OFFERING

On the first Sunday of each month, we collect a "Noisy Offering," where children are invited to noisily move throughout the sanctuary to gather coins and loose change from the congregation. These offerings are then donated to an organization chosen by our Sunday School students.

This month, the Noisy Offering will support:

Lutheran World Relief for Nepal

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.

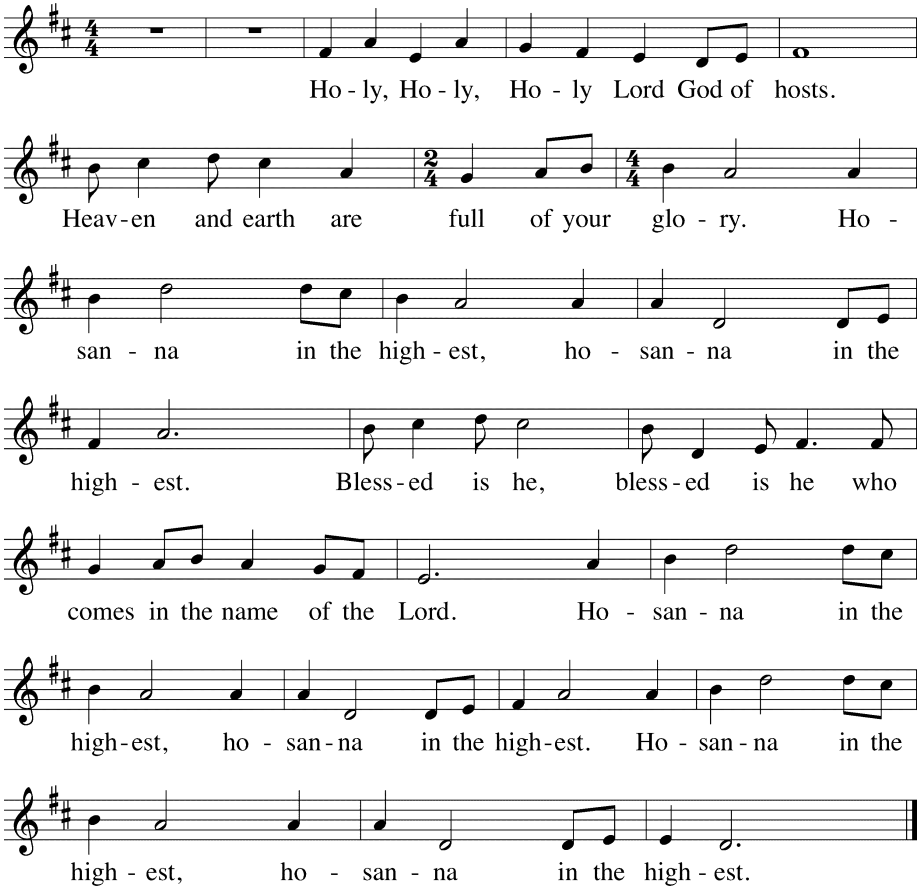
And also with you.

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

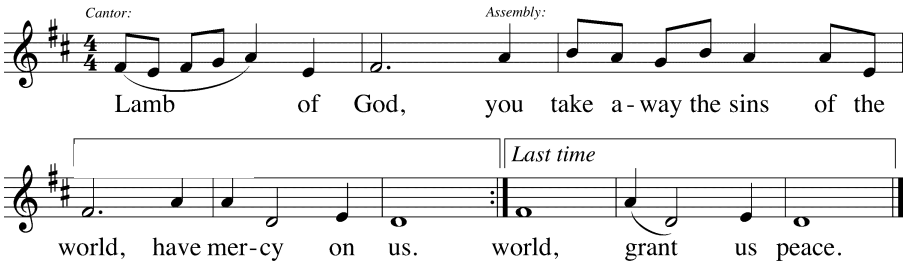
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the 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..“**Where Charity and Love Prevail”**.....**ELW 359**

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**.

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.... **“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”**…..**ELW 543**

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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