

## St Timothy Announcements October 18th:

**Cross+Trainers Youth Group (5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) will meet this Sunday, October 25 at 5:00 p.m.** Cross +Trainers will meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month from 5:00-6:00 p.m. All youth currently in 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school are invited to join us. We will have a time to share together in conversation and prayer--and perhaps some silliness too! The meeting ID is the same Meeting # as our St Timothy Bible Studies--please contact Mary for the link. We hope you can all make it!

**Confirmation Classes** meet Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Our classes meet (students and teachers only) in the fellowship hall from 5:30-6:45 p.m. The classes will also be available on Zoom for mentors and all those who are interested in sitting in with the class to "audit" the various topics of study. We are currently studying an overview of the Old & New Testaments. The Zoom meeting ID is the same as our Bible Study link. Contact Mary Delasin ([Discipleship@mylutheran.com](mailto:Discipleship@mylutheran.com)) for more information. All are welcome to sit in and learn with us via Zoom. Join us at 5:30 on Wednesdays.

**Thank you to everyone who has participated in our St Timothy Prayer Partners! Our next set of Prayer Partners will be sent out next week.** We are always in need of more people to help reach out to others in prayer! Participants will be assigned 3-5 members of our congregation to reach out to by phone, text, email or written note to let them know you are praying for them. Then commit to intentionally pray for those people all month. At the end of each month, you will receive another 3-5 names to reach out to. If you would like to participate, please email Mary Delasin at [Discipleship@mylutheran.com](mailto:Discipleship@mylutheran.com) or call the office and Mary will get in touch with you.

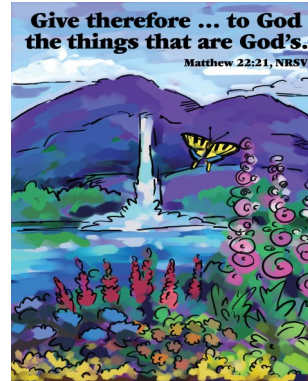
**Our Bible Studies continue to meet weekly on Zoom—each study is different, so join when you can.** On Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m, we are currently learning about the lives of Jesus' disciples. This is a scripture and discussion based class. On Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 p.m. is our Bible study about the weekly Lectionary scriptures used in worship. Pastor Curt leads this study. We also have a Centering Prayer/Contemplative reading reflection group that meets 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Everyone is welcome—no experience necessary! if you have any questions about any of these groups or would like the meeting code or directions on how to join us on Zoom please contact Mary Delasin

**Please continue to send your prayer requests and praise reports to the office so we can raise them up in prayer together.** You can submit them to Natalie in the office, or through Gaye Fernandes, our prayer chain coordinator.

**And just a reminder, To continue your weekly offering** you can mail your envelope to the church, use GivePlus, our online giving link which is on the front page of our website or on the Give Plus app which is also available to download for your phone. You can also use bill pay through your own bank or drop your offering off at the church office, please call first before coming to confirm office hours.

## St. Timothy Lutheran Church

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October 17 & 18, 2020  
20th Sunday after Pentecost

**OUR MISSION**  
A caring church sharing Jesus Christ with the world by offering help, hope and home.

**WE WORSHIP OUR GOD!**  
Host and Head of Our Church  
Jesus Christ

### WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

The Disciples of St. Timothy Lutheran Church extend a special welcome to our guests and invite you to share with us in our ministry, our mission, our fellowship and our growth!

### PRELUDE

### INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.  
Amen.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,

and through his death and resurrection,

Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

Amen.

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**We Praise You O God**

**Hymn 870**

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;  
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us,  
your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

**GREETING**

From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be  
with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory be to God on high!  
Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory be to God on high!  
And on earth... peace to God's people. **Glory to God.**  
And on earth... peace to God's people. **Glory to God.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your  
image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you  
what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

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Stewardship  
*a way of life*

Matthew 22:21

*“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s  
and to God the things that are God’s.”*

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t  
“owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given  
each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave  
us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in  
everything. All else comes second, especially our money.



**7 Stretch out Your hand from above;  
Rescue me and deliver me out of great  
waters, Psalm 144**

Our Service Men & Women  
Terynce and all foster children  
All the Families affected by the Virus,  
Hurricanes and the Wildfires  
The Family of Hal Cook  
Betty Skumatz  
Brenda  
Cheryl Pedjoe  
Cliff Hunt  
Hollie Nevin  
Jackie Andres  
John & Doe Adams  
Joy  
Kellie Mercado  
Laurie Zakrzewski  
Libby Enggasser  
Patrick Barry  
Ray  
Ron Evers

Russ  
Steve Hommen

**Daily Scripture Readings (Week of October 19-24, 2020)**

Mon.	Psalm 98 Daniel 3:1-18 Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20	Thurs.	Psalm 1 Numbers 5:5-10 Titus 1:5-16
Tues.	Psalm 98 Daniel 3:19-30 Revelation 18:21-24	Fri.	Psalm 1 Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5 Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
Wed.	Psalm 98 Daniel 6:1-28 Matthew 17:22-27	Sat.	Psalm 1 Proverbs 24:23-34 John 5:39-47

**SENDING HYMN**

**Lift Every Voice and Sing**

Hymn 841

Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

**BLESSING**

Mothering God,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.  
**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7**

**PSALM Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]**

- <sup>1</sup>**Sing to the LORD| a new song;  
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.**
- <sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;  
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**
- <sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations  
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,  
more to be feared | than all gods. R**
- <sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;  
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup>**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**
- <sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.
- <sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD. R**
- <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.
- [ <sup>10</sup>**Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!  
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge  
the peo- | ples with equity."**
- <sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is  
therein.
- <sup>12</sup>**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O  
LORD,  
for you come to | judge the earth.**
- <sup>13</sup>You will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peoples | with your truth. **R**

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

The Gospel of the Lord  
Praise to you, O Christ.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

When Our Song Says Peace

Hymn 709

When our song says peace and the world says war,  
we will sing despite the world.  
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
who breaks the spear and sword  
and stills the storm of war.

When our song says free and the world says bound,  
we will sing despite the world.  
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
who opens prison doors  
and sets the captives free.

When our song says home and the world says lost,  
we will sing despite the world.  
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
who brings us home at last,  
and gives a song to all.

## SERMON

## SPECIAL MUSIC

## APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin  
Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

## THE PRAYERS

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world,  
and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send  
your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks  
for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church  
commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising  
of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise  
up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided  
nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or  
doubt (*especially*). Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call  
them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices,  
magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of  
restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in  
you (*especially*). We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing  
welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we  
pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.