

St Timothy Announcements for July 12

St Timothy is a congregation of deep relationships rooted in prayer. Thank you to everyone who continues to check in on one another. In this time when most of us are growing weary of being isolated and apart, We invite you to be a part of our Prayer Partner Connections! 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 the month, you will receive another 3-5 names to reach out to. It is a way for us to continue to be united in prayer as a St Timothy family making sure we are reaching everyone. If you would like to participate, please email Mary Delasin at Discipleship@mylutheran.com or call Mary at Extension #105. If you are a St Timothy member and have misplaced your directory, please let Natalie in the office know—we can email you a copy or you can stop by the office to pick one up.

All of our Zoom Bible Studies are continuing throughout the summer and we'd love to have you join us. We have two different Bible Studies that meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, and 7 pm on Wednesdays. We also have a Centering Prayer group that meets at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Everyone is welcome! if you have any questions or would like the meeting code or directions on how to join us on Zoom please send Mary Delasin an email at Discipleship@mylutheran.com.

Just a reminder, We continue to post two worship opportunities on our website as well as on our Facebook page each week. You will find both our Sunday worship as well as our midweek contemplative worship. We also have a YouTube channel where we post a video of the liturgy and song lyrics so you can follow along with our weekend worship. This link is posted on our website and facebook page, or you can subscribe to our YouTube channel to receive notifications when the new video is posted each week.

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.

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But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit ...
Matthew 13:23, NRSV



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6th 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,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.
Reconciling God,
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**
**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
**By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in
newness of life.**
Amen.

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through
✚ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN **Word of God, Come Down on Earth** **Hymn 510**

Word of God, come down on earth,
 living rain from heav'n descending;
 touch our hearts and bring to birth
 faith and hope and love unending.
 Word almighty, we revere you;
 Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high,
 Word that brought to life creation,
 Word that came from heav'n to die,
 crucified for our salvation,
 saving Word, the world restoring,
 speak to us, your love outpouring.

Word that speaks God's tender love,
 one with God beyond all telling,
 Word that sends us from above
 God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
 Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
 Word of life, with one bread feed us.

GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE

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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

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

PSALM Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11



*Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty.
 neither do I concern myself with great matters, nor with
 things too profound for me.*

Psalm 131:1

Our Service Men & Women
 Terynce and all foster children
 All the Families affected by the Virus
 The Family of Gene Favaro
 The Family of Patricia
 The Family of Evelyn Graham
 The Family of Mary Judge
 Arthur Peterson
 Barbara Huggins
 Betty Greinke
 Carolyn Solberg
 Carol Sawotka
 Cheryl
 Cheryl Pedjoe
 Chris Klaffs
 Craig Glover
 Diane Durand

Hal Cook
 Hannah Decker
 Indiana
 Jim Obenschain
 Judy Thomas
 Kelly Scala
 Kendra Spearman
 Lou Tancredi
 Nellie Mumaw
 Pam Williams
 Pennee Rowland
 Raymond Cervantes
 Robert Garrelts
 Rosemary Powell
 Susan and Trevor Webb
 Tom Hill

Daily Scripture Readings (Week of July 13-18, 2020)

Mon.	Psalm 92 Leviticus 26:3-20 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8	Thurs.	Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 41:21-29 Hebrews 2:1-9
Tues.	Psalm 92 Deuteronomy 28:1-14 Ephesians 4:17-5:2	Fri.	Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 44:9-17 Hebrews 6:13-20
Wed.	Psalm 92 Proverbs 11:23-30 Matthew 13:10-17	Sat.	Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 44:18-20 Matthew 7:15-20



Matthew 13:22

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.”

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at church every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

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St Timothy Prayer & Connection Partners.
Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing. - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Not being able to meet in person as a church family has been a trying time for all of us. We are in need of intentional connection and prayer now more than ever. Relationships & Prayer have always been a strength of St Timothy, and so we are asking for your help in continuing this mission God has placed before us in this difficult time.

We are creating St Timothy Prayer & Connection Partners. Each month, those who would like to participate will be given the name of 3-5 St Timothy family members (those who are members as well as regular participants.). We ask that you reach out at least once to each person during the month by text, email, phone, voicemail or a note letting the person know you will be praying for them. Then, each day pray for your prayer partner. That is it! It is that simple, and that powerful with the help of the Holy Spirit! Each month, you will receive a new set of names, so we can continue to grow our relationships and prayers for one another. It is a powerful thing to know you are prayed for!

If you would like a set of Prayer Partners, please email Mary Delasin at Discipleship@mylutheran.com or call/text her cell 727-479-2914 and leave a message. She will then email or call you (if you prefer) with your list of names & contact information. Please note: No information that is not already in the directory will be shared. Please respond by July 10 as names will be sent out by the 12th. If you are unable to participate now, you can join us at any time! Just let Mary know.

Peace, love and blessings to you all! We miss seeing you!
~Mary Delasin, Director of Discipleship

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Again Hymn 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for missionaries and newly planted congregations around the world. Inspire us by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap their hands in praise. We pray for the birds and animals who make their home in the trees, and for lands stripped bare by deforestation. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, care for all who are in need (*especially*). For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries (*especially*) and deepen relationships with the wider community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died (*especially Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, whom we commemorate today*). Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through 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.

SENDING HYMN

On What Has Now Been Sown

Hymn 550

On what has now been sown
your blessing, Lord, bestow;
the pow'r is yours alone
to make it sprout and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise,
and yours alone shall be the praise!

To you our wants are known,
from you are all our pow'rs;
accept what is your own
and pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive
and to your word a blessing give.

Oh, grant that each of us,
now met before you here,
may meet together thus
when you and yours appear,
and follow you to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✚ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.