

This Week at St. Timothy
September 17, 2023

Sunday 9/17	Worship Service Grace Café Sunday School	8:30 AM & 11AM 9:30 AM 10:00AM
Monday 9/18	Office Closed	
Tuesday 9/19	Staff Meeting	9:30AM
Wednesday 9/20	Centering Prayer Confirmation Class Co-op Bible Study	12:30PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Thursday 9/21	Men In Mission Bible Study Sarah's Tent Pastor's Bible Study Praise Team	7:00AM 10:30AM 12:30PM 6:30PM
Friday 9/22	Office Closed Al-Anon	8:00 PM
Saturday 9/23	Worship Service	5:00 PM
Sunday 9/24	Worship Service Grace Café Sunday School	8:30 AM & 11AM 9:30AM 10:00AM

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September 16-17, 2023
16th Sunday
After Pentecost

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

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! If you are a visitor, please notice the Welcome cards in the pews. Please fill out the back of the card and place in the offering plate or give to an usher.

FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Please speak with the ushers if you have any special needs. Specialized hearing devices are available upon request. Holy Communion will be shared in the pew upon request with an usher, if you are unable to go to the altar area.

NURSERY & RESTROOMS

If you are in need of nursery facilities, please ask an usher (parental supervision required). All restrooms are located in the atrium area.

HOLY COMMUNION

You may come forward during this time to receive Holy Communion (at direction of the ushers) if you are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, our Savior, is truly present in the bread and wine you are about to receive. You may receive Communion by receiving the wafer (gluten free upon request) in your hand and receiving an individual cup of wine (or grape juice) from the side tables. If someone in your family has not yet received communion and would like to, please contact the pastor. If you only want a blessing, come forward with your arms across your chest. May God bless us with forgiveness, strength and love as we share in this precious moment with our Lord!

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
† Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.



Have you ever thought about joining our church? We are having new member classes on October 22nd @ 12:30 p.m. & November 5th @ 12:30 p.m.. During the worship services on the weekend of November 11-12 presentation of the Certificate of Membership. If interested, please call the office at 737-937-3503.



Centering Prayer Group

Wednesdays on Zoom 12:00 p.m.

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Feel free to invite others!

Contact Mary with any questions.

MEN^{IN}MISSION
Building men for Christ

**Sonrise group meets at 7:00 a.m. on
Thursday's at the Garden Grille
Please come and join us!**



*The altar flowers are given by
Alba Cook in memory
of Hal Cook*

*The communion wine is given by
the kitchen girls in
memory of Paul Durand
and by Lee Cubley
in honor of Ginny Cubleys birthday.*

*The eternal light is given by
the kitchen girls
in memory of Paul Durand
and by Rick and Mary Johnson
in memory of Gene Favero*

Church Announcements

September 30th 5:00 p.m. Healing Service
October 1st 1:00 p.m. Peter Hartmann MD
October 4th Prayer Vigil for the Earth
October 7th 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer @ St. Timothy
October 8th 1:00 p.m. Pet Blessing
October 14th 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day

Steadfast and faithful God,
you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN
When We Are Living

ELW 639

GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE
Now The Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

PSALM Psalm 103:[1-7]8-13

SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (on screen)

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY
Where Charity and Love Prevail ELW 359

SERMON

APOSTLES CREED

THE PRAYERS

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

THE PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Lectionary Study with Pastor Curt Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

This is a study on the weekly scriptures to prepare us for worship the upcoming Sunday. Bring your questions, curiosity and an open heart to come and take a deeper look at the scriptures of our weekly lectionary. In person or on Zoom.

ALL ARE WELCOME



Quilts for Lutheran World Relief to be distributed throughout the year. Please see additional details and the sign up sheet is posted in the Narthex.



If you are interested in music, drama, dance, art and visual arts, **WE NEED YOU!** See bulletin board in the Narthex or Lisa Hartge.

Mon Psalm 133 Genesis 48:8-22 Hebrews 11:23-29	Thurs Psalm 145:1-8 Nahum 1:1, 14—2:2 2 Corinthians 13:1-42
Tue Psalm 133 Genesis 49:29—50:14 Romans 14:13—15:2	Fri Psalm 145:1-8 Naham 2:3-13 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
Wed Psalm 133 Genesis 50:22-26 Mark 11:20-25	Sat Psalm 145:1-8 Zephaniah 2:13-15 Matthew 20:1-16



Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer! Psalm 4:1

Family of Dame Lohitanon
Audrey
Derek
Dustin Brady
Gregg Weaver
Jessica Dahlke
Judy Thomas

Kelly Scala
Lou Tancredi
Lynette Scott
Sara Rooney
Suzette K
Theresa Judge
Tom Hill



You are always so giving, that we thank you for! Our supplies of men's shirts, shorts, shoes, underwear, sox are in very short supply. Now is a great time to clean out your closet, I can assure you someone needs it.

We pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, that they uplift the good news of salvation in ways that can be understood. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Enrich the soil for trees and plants. Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy (especially). Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the saints who died in faith. Show us how to live faithfully, creatively, and lovingly in your church and world (like Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, whom we commemorate today). Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERTORY

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

OFFERING PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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SANCTUS

You are Holy

ELW 525

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

ELW 609

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

ELW 608

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION

Praise to You, O God of Mercy

ELW 208

BLESSING

The God of glory,

† Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

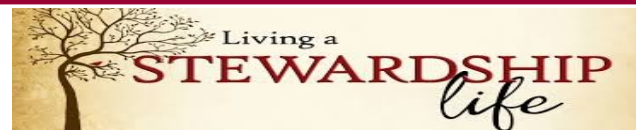
All the People Said Amen

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



"It's not how much we give, but how
much love we put into giving."

Mother Teresa — nun, missionary