

This Week at St. Timothy

September 24, 2023

Sunday 9/24	Worship Service Grace Café Sunday School Paul Durand Memorial	8:30 AM & 11AM 9:30 AM 10:00AM 12:45PM
Monday 9/25	Office Closed	
Tuesday 9/26	Staff Meeting	9:30AM
Wednesday 9/27	Centering Prayer Confirmation Class Co-op Bible Study	12:30PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
9/28	Men In Mission Bible Study Sarah's Tent Pastor's Bible Study Bell Choir Sanctuary Choir Praise Team	7:00AM 10:30AM 12:30PM 4:30PM 5:30PM 6:30PM
Friday 9/29	Office Closed Al-Anon	8:00 PM
Saturday 9/30	Healing Worship Service	5:00 PM
Sunday 10/1	Worship Service Grace Café Joyful Service Dr. Hartmann—Loneliness	8:30 AM & 11AM 9:30AM 10:00AM 1:00PM

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September 23-24, 2023
17th 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.



September 28th
Bell Choir 4:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir 5:30 p.m.
Praise Team 6:30 p.m.
Come and join as we praise our God!



PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER
James 5:16

If you want to pray for someone pick up a request. If you want to be prayed for, please leave a request. A table is set up in the Narthex.



*The altar flowers are given
by Violet, Sarah, Alex,
Jessica, Jared in honor of
Derik Rupnaraines birthday*

*The communion wine is given by
Dave and Sandee Liebau
in memory of loved ones*

*The eternal light is given by
Our St Timothy Family
in memory of Paul Durand*



- September 24th 12:45 p.m. Paul Durand Memorial
- September 26th 1:00 p.m. Love Quilts Group
- September 26th 6:30 p.m. Worship Arts Committee
- September 30th 5:00 p.m. Healing Service
- October 1st 10:00 a.m. Joyful Service
- October 1st 1:00 p.m. Peter Hartmann MD
Loneliness Presentation
- 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 12th 10:00 a.m. Mary, Martha Naomi Circle
- October 14th 9:00 a.m. Church Work Day
- October 22nd 12:30 p.m. New Member Class

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

Take My Life, That I May Be ELW 583

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

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:10—4:11

PSALM Psalm 145:1-8

SECOND READING Philippians 1:21-30

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(on screen)*

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of All Hopefulness ELW 765

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




Centering Prayer Group

Wednesdays on Zoom 12:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85880536085>
[pwd=QUZCanJCVmdsejBhVXM4SXFhcnRBdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85880536085?pwd=QUZCanJCVmdsejBhVXM4SXFhcnRBdz09)


Feel free to invite others!
Contact Mary with any questions.

Mon	Psalm 106:1-12 Genesis 27:1-29 Romans 16:1-16	Thurs	Psalm 25:1-9 Ezekiel 12:17-28 James 4:11-16
Tue	Psalm 106:1-12 Genesis 28:10-17 Romans 14:17-20	Fri	Psalm 25:1-9 Ezekiel 18:5-18 Acts 13:32-41
Wed	Psalm 106:1-12 Isaiah 41:1-13 Matthew 18:1-5	Sat	Psalm 25:1-9 Ezekiel 18:19-24 Mark 11:27-33



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

Betty Brendon Derek Dustin Brady Gregg Weaver Judy Thomas Karen Whitmore	Linda Jenkins Lou Tancredi Sara Rooney Suzette K Theresa Judge
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You are always so giving, that we thank you for!
We need slightly used men's shirts, shorts, shoes, underwear, sox & anything else you may not need.

God who is gracious and merciful, teach your church to invite and welcome all. Lead us to be grateful for the blessing of community. Challenge your church to choose equity and compassion over judgment.
Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

God who sends the wind and the sun, you know every worm and bush by name. Help us remember that even the humblest parts of creation are precious to you. Show us how best to care for the earth and its creatures.
Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

God who is ready to relent from punishing, impart your compassionate wisdom to legislators, judges, members of the military, and law enforcement. Give them courage to serve their communities in times of uncertainty, stress, or exhaustion. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

God who saves, direct your people who are tempted by evil ways. Protect your children from calamity and disaster. Strengthen all who are incarcerated. Encourage all who are in despair or pain of any kind (especially).
Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

God who is slow to anger, may we boast about the goodness of Jesus with the confidence of Paul in prison. Inspire us to find abundance in whatever vocation we are called to in the world and in service to our congregation. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God who abounds in steadfast love, we give thanks for the saints called to the kingdom of heaven (especially). United with them in spirit, hold us firm as we labor in this life and look to the life to come. 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 *(on screen)*

SANCTUS

You are Holy ELW 525

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

(on screen)

COMMUNION HYMNS

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy ELW 588
Give Me Jesus ELW 770

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

O Zion, Haste ELW 668

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE



STEWARDSHIP

A Disciple's Way of Life

**"Giving is not a debt you owe; it is
a seed you sow."
unknown**