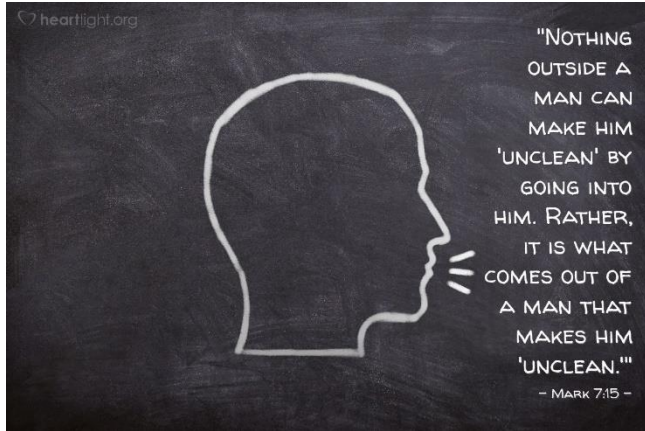


September 1, 2024
15th Sunday after Pentecost



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St. Timothy Mission Statement
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to: seek God, follow Christ, serve and love our neighbor.

Worship is also available via Live Stream just before 10:30 am or later in the afternoon as a video. Just use this link for both options:
<https://video.sttimothycusa.org>

Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT “Come Bless the Lord (Psalm 134)” Paul Ruehl

PASTORAL WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 15:1-2

Who may worship in your sanctuary, LORD?

Who may enter your presence on your holy hill?

Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right,

Speaking the truth from sincere hearts.

Let us now worship the LORD our God!

HYMN “Let All Things Now Living” see insert

(This was a special request from one of our Friendship guests)

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth. We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, do not despair: God renews us by the word of truth, that we might become the first fruits of his creation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Amen and Alleluia!

RESPONSE “Gloria Patri” # 623

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Alelu. Amen.

A MOMENT FOR ILLUMINATION

Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet, and a Light unto my path.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

A TIME FOR GOD'S CHILDREN Matt Johnson

SPECIAL MUSIC "Send the Light/I Saw the Light - Medley"

Send the Light – Chas. H. Gabriel/I Saw the Light - Hank Williams

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SERMON Pastor Joel Puntigam

"Listen and Understand"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Doxology # 625

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, receive these gifts for the work of your church. With these gifts we dedicate ourselves to live in the truth of your word and follow your commandments with sincere hearts; through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

HYMN "Sanctuary" see insert

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

This month we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper via Intinction. When all has been prepared, the congregation will be invited to come forward to receive the bread and the cup from a station in the front. After receiving the bread, dip it in into the cup. You may eat the bread immediately. Please then return to your seat for the duration of the celebration.

THE CELEBRATION

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Consecration

The Bread

The Cup

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please step up to the microphone to make your announcement so everyone (including online guests) can hear what is being said.

HYMN "Peace Like a River" see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you Forever.
Grant you Peace, Perfect Peace, Courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face and God's grace Forever,
May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep you Forever.***

POSTLUDE

**Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume2.*

Sunday, September 1st
Following Along in Worship

1. What was something wonderful that you did during the summer? What made it so great?
2. Last week we learned that though it's hard to follow Jesus, it's worth it. Why do you think it's worth following him?
3. What was the Time for the Children about today?
 - a. Why autumn is so awesome
 - b. Jesus is the rock and he rolls my blues away
 - c. Living for God instead of for ourselves
4. What makes us right before God?
5. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. Circle all that are true about this passage:
 - a. The traditions we create are better than the ones that God gives us
 - b. God's traditions are the best of all
 - c. Human traditions can lead us away from God!
 - d. Jesus is totally cool with this
 - e. Jesus is not cool with this at all!
 - f. What makes us holy is:
 - i. What we eat
 - ii. What comes from our hearts
 - g. We get right before God by turning to God with our hearts!

Serving in Worship

- Greeter: Carol Prevost
Ushers: Kathey Turnbull, Mary Baum
Worship Assistant: Margaret Barsch
Communion Servers: Cassy Sautter, Scott Gaines
Special Music: Campfire Singers
Keyboard: Paula Boegner
Technology: Tina Puntigam
Safety Officer: Dennis Delezenne
Tellers: Paula Boegner, Bob Taylor
Fellowship Hour: Bring a favorite brunch dish

Weekly Bible Studies

After Worship Bible Study – Sunday at 12:15 pm

We are doing “post sermon studies” in the Pastor’s office. All are welcome!

Zoom Bible Study – See you Monday September 9 at 12:00 pm

We are studying prayers of the church.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothycusa.org>

Zoom Bible Study – Tuesday at 12:30 pm

We are studying the book of Acts.

This is the link address to join: <https://study.sttimothycusa.org>

Adult Weekly Bible Study - Thursday – Thursday at 9:30 am

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on September 8– Mark 7:24-37.



Chancel Flowers



For all the children headed back to school,
have a fantastic year!
Dorothy Sanchez

Celebrating



Birthdays:

September 1

Jean Chapp

September 1

Randy Wright

Anniversaries:

September 4

Ron & Muriel Martin (70 years)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 4 – Friendship Club Crafts

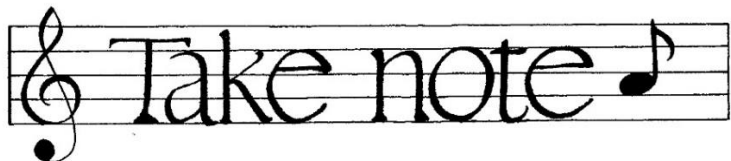
Thursday, September 5 – Choir Rehearsals begin

Sunday, September 15 – Rally Day

Wednesday, September 19 – Friendship Club Picnic
Garden City Park

Sunday, October 13 – Crop Walk

Saturday, October 26 – Trunk or Treat



Music note - The St Timothy Handbell and Chancel choirs will officially be starting the upcoming choir music season on Thursday, September 5th. If you are interested in joining one or both of the choirs, come and try it out to see if it is a good fit.

Please contact Tim Falk
or any of the current choir members for more information.



An invitation from the Faith Education Committee...

Come one, come all to 2024 Rally Day!

September 15 is the date we kick off a new year of Faith, Fun and Fellowship at St. Timothy! Stick around right after Worship for a surprise and then join us for a potluck luncheon where the Deacons will be providing the main dish! There will be games, fellowship, and you might learn a thing or two. Sign up in Fellowship Hall to bring a side dish, salad, or something else! We hope to see you all there, and maybe bring a friend!



Campfire Worship

Wednesday evenings in July, August
and September!

Time: 7:30 pm

Plan on interesting bible discussion, testimonials and great music!



Attention Ladies!

Faith Circle is preparing to begin an exciting new year. Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 11th at 12:30 pm. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month with lunch and a Bible study. Currently, we are studying the book of Acts.

We send cards to those who are going through a difficult time.

This fall we will be planning our annual Christmas Salad Luncheon which will be held in December.

We also help support the Oakland County Foster Closet by buying items that they need or asking for donations. Each year we contribute to several mission and outreach organizations.

If you can't make a meeting, Faith Circle sponsors a monthly ladies luncheon at various restaurants. We have also planned trips that included Eastern Market, Nichols Arboretum, Frankenmuth and Heavenly Scent Herb Garden.

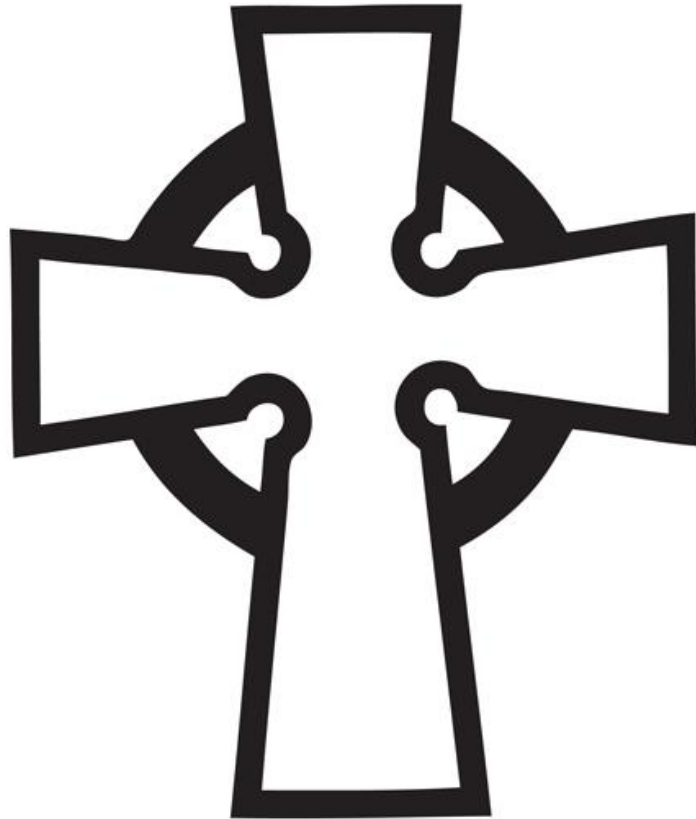


Community Opportunity Center (COC)

“Friendship Club Opportunities to Serve”

1. Would you be willing to spend an hour a week with a COC resident reading a book or playing cards? Time to be determined by volunteer and resident. Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall
2. COC has a craft day in September and they are looking for folks to help. Wednesday, September 4 at 10:00 am. (All craft days are on the first Wednesday of each month.) There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. We can meet at church and carpool.
3. COC has invited St. Timothy Members to a picnic on Thursday, September 19th at 4:30 pm at Garden City Park. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please bring ½ dozen cookies if able.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary or Dennis.



Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 9/1	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		https://video.sttimothyusa.org
	11:30 PM	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:15 PM	After Worship Bible Study
Monday 9/2	Labor Day	Church Closed
Tuesday 9/3	6:45 & 8:15 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	<i>STARS</i>
	12:30 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		https://study.sttimothyusa.org
	4:15 PM	<i>Worship Committee</i>
	5:00 PM	Mission & Outreach
	6:30 PM	<i>Session</i>
Wednesday 9/4	7:30 PM	Campfire Worship
Thursday 9/5	9:30 AM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
	11:30 AM	<i>Ladies Luncheon</i>
	5:55 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	<i>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</i>
	6:00 PM	Compassionate Friends
Friday 9/6		
Saturday 9/7	All Day	Kindred Spirits
Sunday 9/8	9:45 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	<i>Family Worship</i>
		https://video.sttimothyusa.org
	11:30 PM	Fellowship Hour
	12:15 PM	<i>After Worship Bible Study</i>

Let All Things Now Living

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished as forward we travel
from light into light.*

*By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving to God in the highest,
hosanna and praise!*

Sanctuary

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and Holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.*

*For if I'm Holy, as You are Holy
Then I'll see you face to face
Melt me and mold me in your image
Take me to your Holy place.*

Peace Like a River

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul—
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul—*

*I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul—
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul—*

*I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul—
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul—*

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul—
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul—*