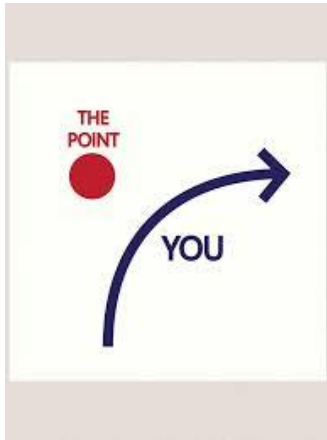


August 24, 2025  
11th Sunday after Pentecost



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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.sttimothypcusa.org>

# Welcome!

PRELUDE

INTROIT “Thou Art Worthy” Pauline M. Mills

PASTORAL WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 71:1-3

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;

**Let me never be put to shame.**

Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;

**Turn your ear to me and save me.**

Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go;

**Give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

O LORD, we worship you with joy!

HYMN “The Solid Rock” see insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Have mercy on us, O God, because of your great love for us. Today we confess to you and to each other that we have not offered food to the hungry or satisfied the needs of the afflicted. We have spoken evil of others and pointed fingers in blame. We have turned away from you and our community, pursuing instead our own self-interests. Parched for mercy, we cry out for your help. Forgive us, God, and teach us your ways, that we may be renewed like a garden freshly watered. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the waters of baptism we receive abundant mercy, flowing like a spring that never runs dry. Forgiven and freed, we are reconciled with God and with one another.

**Thanks be to God!**

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. Allelu. 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                      Isaiah 58:9b-10

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN                      Matt Johnson

SPECIAL MUSIC                      “Fairest Lord Jesus”

NEW TESTAMENT READING                      Luke 13:10-17

SERMON                      Pastor Joel Puntigam  
   “Doing the Right Thing”

HYMN                      ”Love Lifted Me”                      see insert

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:

**Lord of the Sabbath, we rejoice in offering you these gifts, that our lives may show forth the wondrous healing of your love in the world. Amen.**

CALL TO PRAYER

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send Your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to Your children praying, Send us love, Send us pow’r, Send us grace.*

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                      “People Need the Lord”                      see insert

SENDING AND BENEDICTION

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

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 C, Volume 2: Trinity Sunday through Reign of Christ*

**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Following Along in Worship**

1. Last week we talked about a very difficult passage about division and interpretation. Why do you think following Jesus can be so divisive?
  
2. What was the Time for the All God's Children about today?
  - a. Epic Rap Battles of the Bible
  - b. The Greatest Evil: salt or sugar?
  - c. Why healing matters to Jesus
  
3. Why do you think Jesus healed people?
  
4. In the sermon, Pastor Joel will teach from Luke 13:10-17.  
Circle all that are true about this passage:
  - a. Jesus healed an old, broken doll
  - b. Jesus healed a crippled woman
  - c. Everyone rejoiced!
  - d. Some thought Jesus had done a bad thing
  - e. Jesus told them they were right. Oops!
  - f. Jesus told them they were wrong because
    - i. They were being mean
    - ii. They didn't really want her healed
  - g. All told, Jesus showed us there is never a wrong time to do something right.

## Serving in Worship

Greeter: Carol Prevost  
Ushers: Patty Kreitmeyer, Chris Korne  
Worship Assistant: Matt Johnson  
Soloists: Linda Houghtby, Paula Boegner  
Keyboard: Linda Delezenne  
Technology: Tim Chanko  
Safety Officer: Lou Suveg  
Tellers: Paula Boegner, TBD  
Fellowship Hour: Anything Goes!

### Weekly Bible Studies

**Sunday Bible Study – at 12:00 pm**

In Room 17/18. Study will be an after-service sermon recap.

**Zoom Bible Study – Tuesday at 1:00 pm**

We are studying the book of Matthew.

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

**Zoom Bible Study – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 6:00 pm beginning September 10**

We will be studying one of the minor prophets - Haggai

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

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

Our study is on the passage that Pastor Joel will be preaching on August 24 – Luke 14:1, 7-14.



Chancel Flowers



With praise and thanksgiving for my St. Tim family!

Sue Zabell



The 2025 Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.  
Lots of space is available in September and October!

## Celebrating



### Birthdays:

August 30

August 30

### Belated Anniversaries:

August 20

August 23

Greg Kateff

Hannah Puntigam

John & Ali Burkart (3 years)

Rich & Karlane Belaire (56 years)



**Wednesdays, July 2 - August 27 – Campfires**

**Sunday, September 14 – Rally Day**

**Sunday, October 12 – Crop Walk**



2025 Wednesday Evening Campfires begin:

- July 2nd at 7:30 pm and runs through August 27.
- Keep adding dates to your calendar and plan to come join in the fun throughout the summer.
- Activities include testimonials, "stump the pastor" and singing songs!
- Bring your bag chair and invite your friends, families and neighbors.



Are you in need of prayer? Do you know someone that is in need of prayer? Maybe you want to give thanks for answered prayer. Sometimes it is helpful and meaningful to put these things in writing. Take a ribbon from the basket in the vestibule and write your prayers, praises and thanks on as many as you need. Hang them on the fences. It is beautiful and symbolic to watch our prayers being lifted up.



Attention Gardeners,  
Do you have plants you are considering dividing? Do you have annuals or perennials that produce flowers where you could harvest the seeds? If so, please speak with Linda or Carol to see if we might be able to use them around our church grounds. We have some beds that need a refresh and divided plants among friends are free!

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***Thank you Mary Baum! The tablecloths you made for the tables in the entryway and the narthex add a nice touch. We appreciate your efforts to make St. Timothy welcoming to everyone.***



We have some members who have transportation needs. Please check out the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall if you can help. All the details are listed on the sheets. Thank you!



An invitation from the Faith Education Committee.  
**Come one, come all to 2025 Rally Day!**

September 14 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!

Rally Day Request! We'll be playing the Famous St. Timothy "Guess the Baby Picture Game" this year! The Faith Ed Committee needs your baby pictures. Please label each physical photo (sorry, nothing digital) with a post it or other note who is in the picture. Then put the picture or pictures in an envelope labeled with your name. Put the Envelope in Matt Johnson's mailbox by Sunday, September 7. Looking forward to getting your submissions!

## SESSION HAPPENINGS – August 2025

At our August 5 meeting there was a variety of discussions covering a wide range of topics.

The Strategic planning committee had several items for discussion including some past experiences some Session members had involving invitation of friends and other acquaintances to visit and/or considering becoming new members of our congregation. When reading this, have you had any unusual things happen when you have offered such invitations? The committee is discussing several other situations including a standard policy for building rental to develop the documents needed for this.

Some added topics were being considered including changes of the current key policy and questions about our digital entry processes with possible changes by other committees.

Properties care has continued with many positive results including work inside and outside. You may have noticed some new paint inside and out plus some changes in video monitoring of the building and property.

Keep watching and listening for all the upcoming events and activities as we move into the next few weeks toward the end of summer, return to school for children and seasonal activities like "Rally Day" and "Trunk or Treat".

We are constantly evaluating changes in our organizational awareness and steps to strengthen our church for growth and continuing care of our members and property.

Next month the Session will have a joint meeting with the Deacons who continue monitoring care needs for our members. We look forward to sound planning and execution for all our member needs with faithful support.

Bob Taylor, Clerk of Session



## The Demon Barber of Fleet Street

Tim Chanko is in another play at Canton Village and has been cast as the judge in Sweeney Todd. *Note from Tim: It is a dark musical (there is killing in it), so not for everyone.*

An infamous tale, Sweeney Todd, an unjustly exiled barber, returns to nineteenth century London, seeking vengeance against the lecherous judge who framed him and ravaged his young wife. The road to revenge leads Todd to Mrs. Lovett, a resourceful proprietress of a failing pie shop, above which, he opens a new barber practice. Mrs. Lovett's luck sharply shifts when Todd's thirst for blood inspires the integration of an ingredient into her meat pies that has the people of London lining up... and the carnage has only just begun!

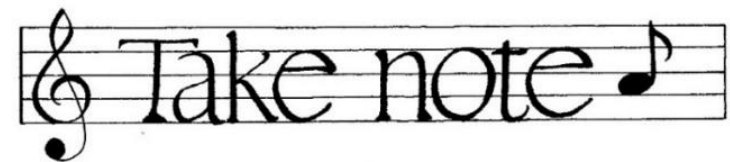
September 12,13,19,20 at 7:30 PM

September 14,21 at 3:00 PM

<https://www.spotlightplayersmi.org/#!/show/sweeney-todd>

## Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday 8/24	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothyusa.org">https://video.sttimothyusa.org</a>
	after worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Bible Study
Monday 8/25	3:00 PM	Finance Committee
	6:00 PM	<i>TOPS</i>
Tuesday 8/26	7:30 AM	Prayer and Praise Call
		202-926-1029 - access code 235645
	9:00 AM	<i>STARS</i>
	1:00 PM	Zoom Adult Bible Study
		<a href="https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org">https://study.sttimothyPCUSA.org</a>
Wednesday 8/27	7:30 PM	Campfire Worship
Thursday 8/28	9:30 PM	Thursday Morning Bible Study
Friday 8/29		
Saturday 8/30	8:30 AM	Reading Institute
Sunday 8/31	10:30 AM	Family Worship
		<a href="https://video.sttimothyusa.org">https://video.sttimothyusa.org</a>
	after worship	<i>Fellowship Hour</i>
	12:00 PM	Bible Study
Monday, 9/1		<b>Labor Day - Office Closed</b>



Music note - The St Timothy Handbell and Chancel choirs will officially be starting the upcoming choir music season on Thursday, September 4th. 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.

## **The Solid Rock**

*My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid Rock,  
I stand - All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid Rock,  
I stand - All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock,  
I stand - All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found,  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ, the solid Rock,  
I stand - All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

## **Love Lifted Me**

*I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me, Now safe am I.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.*

*All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling,  
In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing;  
Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul's best songs;  
Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.*

*Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love Out of the angry waves;  
He's the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey;  
He your Savior wants to be, Be saved today.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.*

## **People Need the Lord**

*People need the Lord, people need the Lord;  
at the end of broken dreams, he's the open door.*

*People need the Lord, people need the Lord;  
when will we realize people need the Lord.*