**A Service of Worship, Praise and Hope**

**Welcome to St. Timothy Saturday Evening Worship!**

**17h Weekend after Pentecost**

**October 4th**

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A little faith goes a long way is Jesus’ point in the gospel. A mustard seed’s-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

*Please note\*\* if you use a pew envelope for your offering – please write your name on the envelope so that the financial secretaries can post it as a gift from you. Thank You!*

**St Timothy Worship Planning Team**

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***Pre-Service Music:***

**Welcome and Sharing of Congregational News**

***Prelude***

### *Gathering Hymn**: Great Is Thy Faithfulness ELW 733*

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

 there is no shadow of turning with thee;

 thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;

 as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

***Refrain***

 Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

 Morning by morning new mercies I see;

 all I have needed thy hand hath provided;

 great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,

 sun, moon, and stars in their courses above

 join with all nature in manifold witness

 to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. ***Refrain***

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

 thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

 blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! ***Refrain***

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**Confession and Forgiveness**

P- In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C – Amen**

Let us confess our sins in front of God and one another.

**C-Merciful God,**

**you free us to love others,**

**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**

**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,**

**and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds,**

**and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

P -You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God’s children through faith.

In the cross of ☩ Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

P – Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in St Timothy’s congregation the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C – Amen.**

**Greeting**

P: The joy of our Lord Jesus Christ, the compassion of God, and the creative power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

**Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

### Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
  2 To Timothy, my beloved child:
  Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

  3 I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.
  8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. 13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

### A: Word of God!

**C: Words of Life!**

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Luke, Chapter 17**

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

### Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” 6 The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.
  7 “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? 8 Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

### P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

**C: Praise to You O Christ!**

***Sermon by*** ***S.A.M. Bob***

***Hymn of the Day:******How Firm a Foundation ELW 796***

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,

 is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!

 What more can he say than to you he has said

 who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,

 for I am your God and will still give you aid;

 I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,

 upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,

 my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.

 The flames shall not hurt you; I only design

 your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove

 my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;

 and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,

 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

**Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come 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.**

**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**

Heavenly Father, we ask You to hear the prayers of your servants for our Church and the World and all those in need.

Lord, you gave your only Son, Jesus, so that we may have eternal life. you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remember your servants that faith even the size of a mustard seed is enough.

God of grace,

**Receive our prayer.**

Teach us to be patient in times of waiting. Help us to trust Your perfect timing and not grow weary. Calm our anxious hearts and remind us that You are in control. Give us endurance to wait with grace and faith, knowing that all things work for our good.

God of grace,

**Receive our prayer.**

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence.

God of grace,

**Receive our prayer.**

We lift up those who are sick and suffering, asking for Your healing touch. Restore their strength and remove every illness from their body. Let Your divine power flow through them, bringing comfort and renewed health. Fill them with peace and faith as they trust in You.  God of those in need, those who are oppressed, for those mourning, the lonely and the poor. Come to the help of all in need (*especially*). Help us to trust that You will come to us at the right time.

God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Grant strength to those who feel weak and weary. Renew their energy and fill them with courage to face every challenge. Let them find confidence in You, knowing You are their stronghold. Uplift their spirit and give them perseverance to keep going through difficult times.

God of grace,

**Receive our prayer.**

We pray for wisdom and clarity for those on the call committee. Lead them on the right path and help them make decisions that honor You. Remove confusion and fill their hearts with peace as they seek Your will. Let Your Word be a light guiding their steps.

God of Grace

**Receive our Prayer**

Grant wisdom to those who are in discernment and need understanding in their lives. Help them discern right from wrong and make choices that align with Your truth. Fill their minds with knowledge and insight, so they may lead with integrity and love. Let Your wisdom guides their words and actions.

God of Grace

**Receive our prayer**

Be near those who are grieving and in pain. Wrap them in Your unfailing love and bring them peace in their sorrow. Wipe away their tears and remind them that You are always with them. Let them find hope and refuge in Your presence, knowing they are not alone.

God of Grace

R**eceive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**P: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.**

**C: And also with you.**

**P: Let us now share this peace.**

**Offering is Brought to the Altar**

**Offering Prayer**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an Offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering, we are an offering.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: Lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**Eucharistic Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin, Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Gathered into one, by the Holy Spirit let us listen to the words that Jesus taught us.

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion**

P: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to His supper. Come and taste on your lips a Love we cannot comprehend.****

**C: Amen**

**Please come forward to receive**

***Communion Anthem: My Faith Looks Up to Thee ELW 759***

P: We are now a tabernacle with Christ inside of us. Let us rejoice and be glad at the Lord’s table.

**C: Amen**

**Prayer After Communion**

**Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Sending**

**Blessing**

P: God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

### *Sending Hymn: Faith of Our Fathers ELW 812*

1 Faith of our fathers, living still

 in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.

 Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy

 whene'er we hear that glorious word.

***Refrain***

 Faith of our fathers, holy faith,

 we will be true to thee till death.

2 The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,

 were still in heart and conscience free;

 and blest would be their children's fate

 if they, like them, should die for thee. ***Refrain***

3 Faith of our fathers! We will love

 both friend and foe in all our strife;

 proclaim thee too, as love knows how,

 by saving word and faithful life. ***Refrain***

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***Postlude:*** *instrumental*

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**Announcements for October 4th and 5th**

**ATTENDANCE**

 Saturday, September 27th , 4pm 22

 Sunday, September 28th, 9am 35

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The Altar Flowers are given this week by Nancy Schneider, in memory of Duane.

**This Week at St. Timothy's**

Monday, October 6th 11am – Healthy Start

Tuesday, October 7th

Wednesday, October 8th 1pm – Worship & Music, 2pm - Prayer

Thursday, October 9th 9:30 am – Prayer Group, 11:00 am – Miniatures, 4:30pm - Choir

Friday, October 10th

Saturday, October 11th Bob @ Pinelands Conference , 4 pm – Worship

Sunday, October 12th kick off Food Box Drive, 9 am – Worship, 10:15-10:45 –Drive-Up Communion, 10:30 - Adult SS, coffee Fellowship

**USHERS NEEDED – ESPECIALLY FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY!!!!**

S.A.M. Bob, Chair of Stewardship, is asking for 3-4 more people to be part of the Stewardship Team. Contact Regina or email Bob.





 St. Timothy Lutheran Church will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary on Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2025. There will be no Saturday Service that weekend. Our celebration begins Sunday morning as follows:

 Pre-service Music – 9:45 am

 Service – 10:00 am

 A luncheon will follow the Service.

 Our Florida-Bahamas Bishop as well as other friends and former members have been invited. Please mark this date on your calendar and join our church family for this very special occasion.

 In order to prepare for the luncheon, we are asking all our members to RSVP no later than October 1, 2025. There are (two) 2 sign-up sheets on the WELCA bulletin board in the narthex area. Please sign up on both sheets. One sign-up sheet is for attendance, and the other sign-up sheet is for bringing food for the luncheon. Ham, turkey, stuffing, beverages and dessert will be provided. We need vegetables, salads and other side dishes noted on the sheets.

If you have questions regarding the meal, please contact Eileen Hofstetter at 352-419-6610.

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