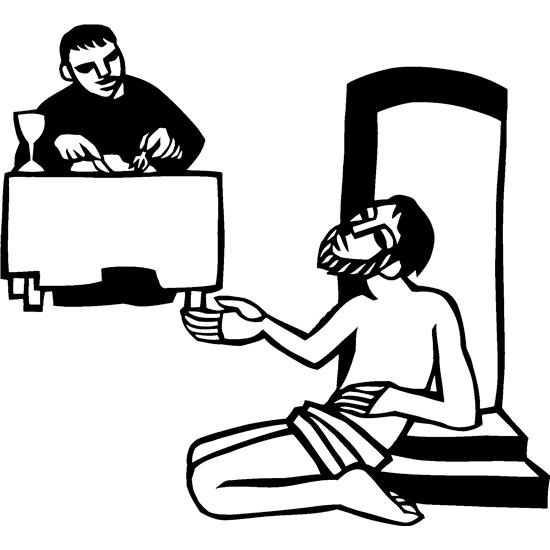
**A Service of Worship, Praise and Hope**

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

**16th Weekend after Pentecost**

**September 27th**

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Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

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**St Timothy Worship Planning Team**

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***Pre-Service Music:***

**Welcome and Sharing of Congregational News**

***Prelude***

***Gathering Hymn******: Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now ELW 527***

1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;

our hearts in true devotion bow.

Your Spirit send with light divine,

and let your truth within us shine.

2 Unseal our lips to sing your praise

in endless hymns through all our days;

increase our faith and light our minds;

and set us free from doubt that blinds.

3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry,

"O holy, holy Lord Most High!"

And in the light of that blest place

we then shall see you face to face.

4 All glory to the Father, Son,

and Holy Spirit, Three in One!

To you, O blessed Trinity,

be praise throughout eternity!

Text: attr. Wilhelm II, 1598-1662; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

**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

**O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

### Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

6 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, 8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.  
  
  11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14 to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. 16 It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.  
  17 As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, 19 thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

### A: Word of God!

**C: Words of Life!**

P: The Holy Gospel according to **Luke, Chapter 16**

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

### Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] 19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ 25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26 Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27 He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house 28 for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ 29 Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ 30 He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ 31 He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

### P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

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

***Sermon by*** ***Deacon Frank***

### *****Hymn of the Day:***** *ACS 1062A sheet music with text AI-generated content may be incorrect.*

**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**

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for people in any need (*especially*). Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

*At this time, anyone can lift up prayers.*

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors and bring us to eternal life. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

**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:

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**Eucharist 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**

**♪Come to the Table ELW 481♪**

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand. Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

**Please come forward to receive**

***Communion Anthem: I Come with Joy ELW 482***

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**

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### *Sending Hymn: God Be with You Till We Meet Again ELW 536*

1 God be with you till we meet again;

by good counsels guide, uphold you,

with a shepherd's care enfold you;

God be with you till we meet again.

***Refrain***

Till we meet, (till we meet,)

till we meet, (till we meet again,)

till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)

till we meet, (till we meet,)

till we meet, (till we meet again.)

God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again;

holy wings securely hide you,

daily manna still provide you;

God be with you till we meet again. ***Refrain***

3 God be with you till we meet again;

when life's perils thick confound you,

put unfailing arms around you;

God be with you till we meet again. ***Refrain***

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904, alt.

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***Postlude:*** *instrumental*

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**Announcements for September 27th and 28th**

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Drive-Up Communion 2

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The Altar Flowers are given this week by Carol and Barbara Johnson, in loving memory of Warren.

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

Monday, September 29th

Tuesday, September 30th

Wednesday, October 1st 11am – Citrus Blessings, 1pm – Card Makers, 2pm – Prayer Time

Thursday, October 2nd 9:30 am – Prayer Group, 11:00 am – Miniatures, 4:30pm - Choir

Friday, October 3rd

Saturday, October 4th 10am – Blessing of the Pets (Brick City Ringers playing), 4 pm – Worship

Sunday, October 5th 9 am – Worship, 10:15-10:45 –Drive-Up Communion, 10:30 – Rally Day

**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.

**CALLING ALL SINGERS!**

Join the Anniversary Choir to help celebrate St. Tim's 50th anniversary on October 26. You don't have to read music, but you DO have to come to rehearsals, because we're singing an anthem that, while not difficult, can't be learned before the service on the 26th. We'll begin rehearsing this on Thursday, September 4 at 4:30 pm. We will start rehearsals with the anniversary anthem so that anyone who only wants to sing that can leave. (But hopefully we can convince some of you to stay with us!)



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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