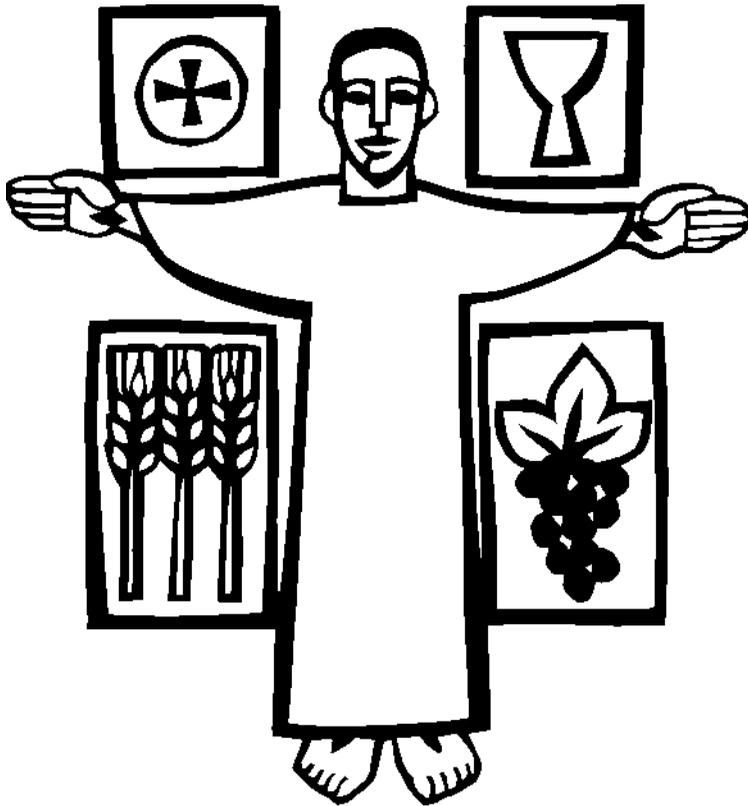


Sunday  
August 15, 2021

# *St. Timothy Lutheran Church*

## *Sharing God's Love Together*



**If you are a visitor with us today, we welcome you in the name of Christ.**

*We encourage our guests to join us in the communion meal because Jesus welcomes all to his table of grace, uniting and filling us for love and service. Christ is our host and our food, bearing to us God's forgiveness and grace through this harvest of field and vineyard.*

LECTIONARY 20

AUGUST 15, 2021

*Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*You may stand.*

GATHERING HYMN

*Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

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|---|---|--|---|
| 1 | Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,<br>she who danced when earth was new.<br>Follow closely what she teaches,<br>for her words are right and true.<br>Wisdom clears the path to justice,<br>showing us what love must do. | full of glory, truth, and grace.<br>When the word takes root and ripens,<br>peace and righteousness embrace. |   |
| 2 | Listen to the voice of Wisdom,<br>crying in the marketplace.<br>Hear the Word made flesh among us,  | 3  | Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;<br>nurture all who seek rebirth.<br>Spirit-guide and close companion,<br>bring to light our sacred worth.<br>Free us to become your people,<br>holy friends of God and earth. |

GREETING

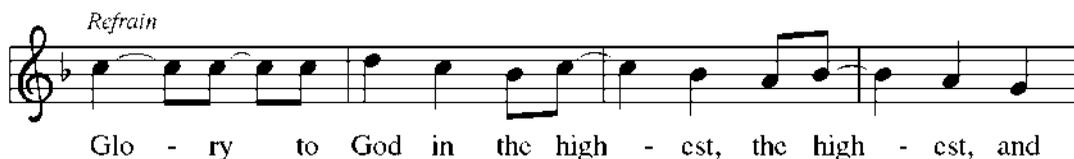
Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

*Glory to God*



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

for your glo - ry. *Refrain* Glo - ry to God in the high-

est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain* Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -  
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.  
 A - men. A - men. A - men.  
*Final refrain*  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's  
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -  
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Ever-loving God,

All: **your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## WORD

*You may be seated.*

CHILDREN'S WORD

READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

*Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.*

Lector: A reading from Proverbs.

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has  
mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she  
calls  
from the highest places in the town,

<sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!”  
To those without sense she says,  
<sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight

Lector: Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God.**

*You may stand.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

In John’s gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true “bread of life.” Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church’s celebration of holy communion.

Pastor: The holy gospel according to John.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said, <sup>51</sup>“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the

<sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.  
*You may be seated.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Clark

*You may stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*We Eat the Bread of Teaching*

#518

*Refrain*

We eat the bread of teaching,  
drink wine of wisdom,  
are given here a taste of the kingdom.  
Together joined, the greatest and the  
least,  
we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.

2 Simple ones whose hearts are yearning,  
come and gain from Wisdom's learn-  
ing;  
bread and wine she is preparing,  
know her loving in the sharing. *Re-  
frain*

1 Wisdom calls throughout the city,  
knows our hunger, and in pity  
gives her loving invitation  
to the banquet of salvation. *Refrain*

3 Enter with delight and singing,  
for her richness now is bringing  
us this joyful celebration;  
eat and drink in jubilation. *Refrain*

## APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**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,**

**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**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*You may stand, kneel, or sit for the prayers.*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

Assisting Minister: ...God, in your mercy.

**All: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Assisting Minister: ...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## MEAL

### PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*You are welcome to share Christ's peace with those near you or using the comment section on YouTube.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

*Let us remember to offer ourselves—our time, our abilities, our possessions—for the ongoing ministry of St. Timothy and the wider church. You may continue to send in your offering by postal mail or use our online giving option at [www.sttim.org](http://www.sttim.org).*

*You may stand.*

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,

**All: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this**

**meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: Holy God, our Maker...

Pastor: ...in your Holy Church, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those  
 who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen

or

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

Pastor: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*You may be seated. We receive the body and blood of Christ and share in the life of God as we accept the bread and wine or grape juice, and hear the words: "The body of Christ given for you" and "the blood of Christ shed for you."*

COMMUNION SONG

*By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

#469

1 By your hand you feed your people,  
 food of angels, heaven's bread.  
 For these gifts we did not labor,  
 by your grace have we been fed:

2 In this meal we taste your sweetness,  
 bread for hunger, wine of peace.  
 Holy word and holy wisdom  
 satisfy our deepest needs. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,  
 cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,  
 given as a living token  
 of your world redeemed, restored.

3 Send us now with faith and courage  
 to the hungry, lost, bereaved.  
 In our living and our dying,  
 we become what we receive: *Refrain*

COMMUNION SONG

*Come, Let Us Eat*

491

*You may stand*

*The words in parentheses may be sung by a leader or by all.]*

1 (Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,)  
 come, let us eat, for now the feast is

spread.  
 (Our Lord's body let us take together,)  
 our Lord's body let us take together.

2 (Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,)

come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
(Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,)

Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

- 3 (In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,)  
in Jesus' presence now we meet and

rest.

(In the presence of our Lord we gather,)  
in the presence of our Lord we gather.

- 4 (Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,)

rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.

(Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,)  
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**All: Amen.**

#### SENDING

Pastor: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

#### SENDING SONG

*I Come with Joy*

#482 vs. 1, 3, & 5

#### DISMISSAL

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

- 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.

- 5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

## Worship Leaders

**Presiding Minister**— Pastor Clark Brown

**Musician**— Desma Johnson

**Drums**— Phillipe Costa

**Cantors**—

**Assisting Minister**— Steve Solomon

**Streaming Video**— Jody Emerson

**Audio**— Jim Helgason

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

August 15, 2021

LECTIONARY 20

What's for Dinner?

Whether you plan meals weeks in advance, rummage through the pantry for inspiration at 4:30 p.m., or pull a stack of well-worn takeout menus from the kitchen drawer; whether you purchase the ingredients, help create the meal, or have no input at all and gratefully eat whatever someone else provides, it's a seemingly universal question: What's for dinner? What we eat is important. Most of us try to balance our personal tastes and preferences with some attention to health and nutrition. Some of us follow specific dietary trends and plans: keto, paleo, low-carb, low-cal . . . the list goes on. Others of us, restricted by tight budgets and food deserts, make choices we would rather not.

What we eat, how it was raised and grown, how it got from the farm to our table, and even how much it costs are hot topics today. It can be easy to get lost in the wilderness of these discussions. But along comes Jesus, right on time. Turning the world's conversation on its head, he boldly announces, "My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink" (John 6:55). Here our debates about fat versus carbs, allergens and alternatives, and the price of ingredients are brought to a halt: the menu is set.

Here there is no lack of access or money, for all is freely given. Here the stresses of planning, shopping, and cooking on a tight schedule fade away in the light of eternity as the great heavenly banquet is set before you. As you approach the table, you approach the Lord of your salvation, here in flesh and blood. As you receive the bread and wine, you receive the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen for you. As you return to the world and your various vocations, know that no matter what is for dinner, you abide in Christ, and he abides in you. Truly, this is "true food" and "true drink."

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## ***Sharing God's Love Together***

August 15, 2021

### **NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Re-Opening Progress:** You are welcome to worship in person in the sanctuary and you do not need to RSVP. We are still wearing masks during worship. We are welcome to socialize outside following worship.
- **Assisting Minister and Live Streaming Volunteers Needed:** Training is available for both of these tasks that are so important to our worship life. Please contact Pastor Clark if you would be able to serve at (831) 375-2042 or email [pastorclark@sttim.org](mailto:pastorclark@sttim.org).
- **Study, pray, and discuss during the week:** Join Pastors Clark and Tony: Wednesday 2 PM **Bible Study** and the **Pastors' Forum** on Sunday at 11:15 AM, all on Zoom and/or in person. Email [pastorclark@sttim.org](mailto:pastorclark@sttim.org) for more information.
- **Online Worship and Social Hour:** All Sunday services including bulletins are online on [sttim.org](http://sttim.org). Information for worship and the social hour will be emailed each week. **If you want to be on our email list or have questions**, email/call/text Pastor Clark at [pastorclark@sttim.org](mailto:pastorclark@sttim.org) or 831-521-1818.
- **Preparing for communion:** Our online Sunday worship will include communion. As you feel called, prepare to share in communion by setting aside some bread or crackers, and some wine or juice, as you have them available. If you need any of these items, please contact Ida Barber.
- **Prayer Concerns:** Please call Dorothy Kirk with any new or changed prayer concerns at 375-1043.
- **Offering:** Please remember your offerings to St. Timothy. Offering can be mailed to the church office, sent automatically using your bank, or online by visiting our website [www.sttim.org](http://www.sttim.org).
- **Volunteer to help Thomas Carman Food Pantry** and provide food for needy households and individuals. **YOU CAN HELP!** Sign up to volunteer on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 3-6 pm, loading and passing out bags at the Epiphany Lutheran and Episcopal Church at the corner of Carmel and California Avenues in the City of Marina. Address: 425 Carmel Ave, Marina CA. Contact Debby Love-Sudduth at 408-499-4984 or email [Rd-sudd@comcast.net](mailto:Rd-sudd@comcast.net).