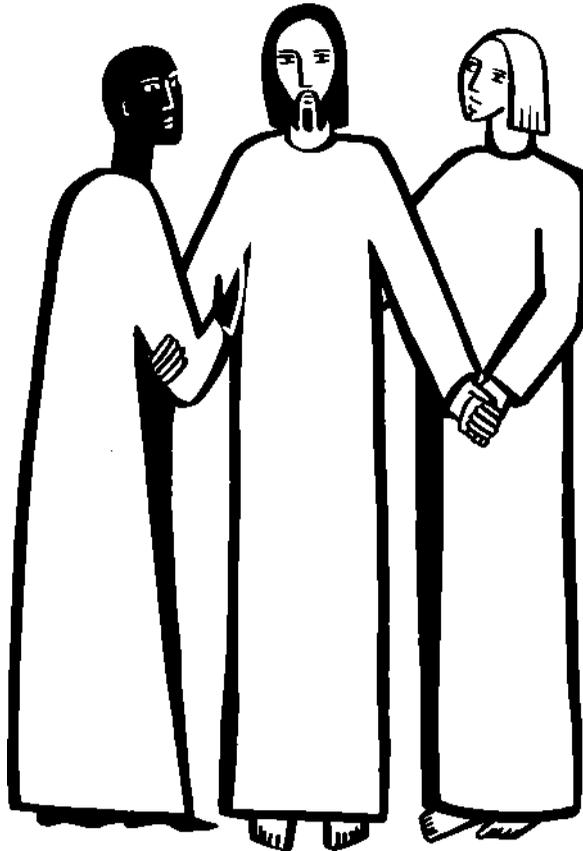


*Sunday  
August 22, 2021*

# *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 21

AUGUST 22, 2021

*In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.*

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*You may stand.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The congregation may speak the words in the **bold print**.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*

1	Look who gathers at Christ's table!	some have songs they want to sing.
	Hear the stories that they bring.	Others ask why they're invited,
	Some are weeping; some are	burdened by the wrong they've done.
	laughing;	Christ insists they all are welcome.

There is room for ev'ryone.

2 Clouds of light surround the table;  
ancient followers appear,  
saints confessing how they wrestled  
with their guilt, their doubt and fear.  
Peter tells of his denying  
Christ was ever in his sight;  
Paul relates his fruitless efforts  
to obliterate the light.

3 Their sad stories are repeated  
in a thousand different ways,  
but they share one thing in common:  
they all end in thanks and praise  
for the host who has invited

north and south and east and west  
to converge around this table,  
where all life is fed and blest.

4 Bring your joy and bring your  
sadness,  
and prepare to be surprised  
by the host whose hands are  
wounded,  
who will open wide your eyes  
when he blesses bread and breaks  
it—  
truth and manna from above!—  
and then passes wine that awakens  
in your heart the taste of love.

#### GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Holy God,

**All: your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord .**

**Amen.**

#### WORD

*You may be seated.*

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

*In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.*

Lector: A reading from Joshua.

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said

to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you

are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our

God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

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

### CHILDREN’S WORD

#### SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

*Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit*

Lector: A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

<sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever

will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

*The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”*

Pastor: The holy gospel according to John.

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

Jesus said, <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>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.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you?”

<sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It

is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

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

*You may stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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| <p>1 O Jesus, I have promised<br/>to serve you to the end;<br/>remain forever near me,<br/>my master and my friend.<br/>I shall not fear the battle<br/>if you are by my side,<br/>nor wander from the pathway<br/>if you will be my guide.</p>              | <p>3 Oh, let me hear you speaking<br/>in accents clear and still<br/>above the storms of passion,<br/>the murmurs of self-will.<br/>Now speak to reassure me,<br/>to hasten or control;<br/>now speak and make me listen,<br/>O Guardian of my soul.</p> |
| <p>2 Oh, let me feel you near me;<br/>the world is ever near.<br/>I see the sights that dazzle,<br/>the tempting sounds I hear.<br/>My foes are ever near me,<br/>around me and within;<br/>but, Jesus, then draw nearer<br/>to shield my soul from sin.</p> | <p>4 O Jesus, you have promised<br/>to all who follow you<br/>that where you are in glory<br/>your servant shall be too.<br/>And Jesus, I have promised<br/>to serve you to the end;<br/>oh, give me grace to follow,<br/>my master and my friend.</p>   |

## 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: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All:                   Amen**

## MEAL

## PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the 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.**

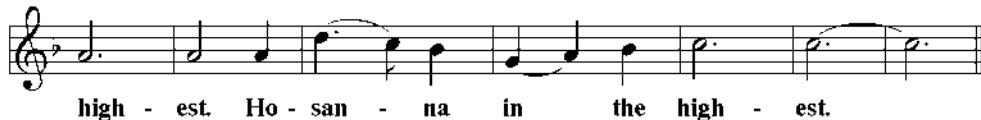
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**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:



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, 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**

*or* **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**

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

*Jesus, Come! For We Invite You*

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1 Jesus, come! for we invite you,  
guest and master, friend and Lord;  
now, as once at Cana's wedding,  
speak and let us hear your word:  
lead us through our need or doubting,  
hope be born and joy restored.

2 Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,  
guide us into paths unknown;  
bring your gifts, command your serv-  
ants,  
let us trust in you alone:  
though your hand may work in secret,  
all shall see what you have done.

3 Jesus, come! in new creation,  
heav'n brought near by pow'r divine;  
give your unexpected glory,  
changing water into wine:  
rouse the faith of your disciples—  
come, our first and greatest Sign!

4 Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,  
make us willing to receive  
more than we can yet imagine,  
all the best you have to give:  
let us find your hidden riches,  
taste your love, believe, and live!

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heaven,  
 your blood and body given,  
 we eat this bread and drink this cup  
 until you come again.

1 Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;  
 giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.  
 Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;  
 in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. *Refrain*

2 Seek not the food that will pass away;  
 set your hearts on the food that endures.  
 Come, learn the true and the living way,  
 that the fullness of life may be yours.  
*Refrain*

3 Love as the one who, in love for you,  
 gave himself for the life of the world.  
 Come to the one who is food for you,  
 that your hunger and thirst be no more.  
*Refrain*

4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you;  
 make your home in the lifegiving Word.  
 Know only Christ, Holy One of God,  
 and believe in the truth you have heard.  
*Refrain*

5 Drink of this cup and declare his death;  
 eat this bread and believe Easter morn;  
 trust his return and, with ev'ry breath,  
 praise the one in whom you are reborn.  
*Refrain*

*You may stand.*

## 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

*May the God of Hope Go with Us*

## ENGLISH

May the God of hope go with us ev'ry day,  
 to a world in need with news of joy and peace.  
 May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
 bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and

race.

Praying, let us work for peace;  
 singing, share our joy with all;  
 working for a world that's new,  
 faithful when we hear Christ's call

## SPANISH

¡Dios de la esperanza, danos gozo\_y

paz!  
Al mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad.  
Dios de la justicia, mándanos tu luz,  
luz y esperanza en la oscuridad.

Oremos por la paz,  
cantemos de tu amor.  
Luchemos por la paz,  
fieles a ti, Señor.

DISMISSAL

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**Presiding Minister**—Pastor Clark Brown  
**Musician**—Desma Johnson  
**Cantor**—Jon Gerdes  
**Assisting Minister**—Susan Smith  
**Audio**—Jeff Nagel  
**Streaming Video**—Jody Emerson



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## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

*Please remember in your prayers:*

**Josh Bakhit** who has a brain tumor.

**Phyllis Cook** who has a lung condition.

**Ed Olson**, undergoing cancer treatment .

**Sandy Hoskin**, undergoing cancer treatment again.

**David Holland**, husband of Dee Holland and brother of Lucille Pires, undergoing chemotherapy for prostate and bone cancer.

**Colbie Schueneman**, grandniece of Adrian, with a neurodegenerative disease.

**Dawn Stallings**, daughter of Dolores, who has suffered a stroke.

**Healthcare workers and essential workers on the front line of the pandemic.**

**All service members, fire fighters, and police officers (and their families).**

**For those living in war-torn regions and all refugees.**

**For the mission of this congregation, the Monterey Bay Conference, and the entire Sierra Pacific Synod, and for our leaders and for the leaders throughout the world.**

*Please continue to pray for the ongoing concerns of these listed here.*

**Torie Hamilton**

**Rodger Marty**

**Bonnie Bennett**

**Jim McMullins**

**Bill Reynolds**

**Mary Lee Slater**

**Marjonie Gabriel**

**Tom Brown**

**Aaron Grieg**

**Byron Heppert**

**Jacqueline Graham**

**Gloria Llenaresas**

**Riley Ann Holland**

**Ronnie Lyons**

**Irene McCloud**

**Thomas Ansley**

**Linda Henderson**

**Beverly Schneideman**

**Justice Gaudoin**

**Peter Kracht**

**Isabella Silva**

**Mark Northcutt**

**Helen Leikam**

*Flowers on the altar this Sunday are given by Tom and Ida Barber in honor of David Holland and family.*

Our August Artist of the Month is Bob Johannsen.

Please enjoy the beautiful craftsmanship in his creations in our Narthex

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

August 22, 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).