

Sunday
August 28, 2022

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 22

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INTRODUCTION

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

GATHERING

* Please stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*GATHERING HYMN

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

ELW 530

*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.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE



☒ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



† Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☒ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



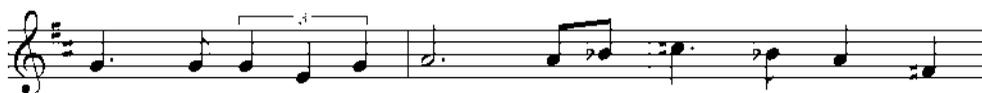
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



‖ 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.

☩ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

¹₁₁ 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.

☩ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God,

All: you give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

The congregation may be seated

WORD

READING:

PROVERBS 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

Assisting Minister:

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Assisting Minister: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112

Assisting Minister:

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



***GOSPEL**

LUKE 14:1, 7-14

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

PASTOR SANDI OLSON DECKER

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

O Word of God Incarnate

ELW 514

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

*THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

After each petition

Assisting Minister: Merciful God,
All: receive our prayer.

Pastor: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

All: Peace be with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

We worship God with our tithes and offerings. Offerings may be given in the plate as you enter or leave worship, through automatic bank transfers, or by using the online giving option found on our website. www.sttim.org

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Please stand. Let us pray.

Merciful God,

All: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

HOLY

Assisting Minister to uncover communion

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

The congregation may be seated

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All: Amen

COMMUNION HYMNS

In This Feast of Love,

ACS 962

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479

Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
1 In this feast of love, in this
2 In this bread and wine, in this
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
feast of love, Lord, you share your
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
peace, O Lord; fill us with the

it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Please stand. Let us pray.

Assisting Minister: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

All: Amen

Silence for reflection.

SENDING

*BLESSING

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

All: Amen

SENDING HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing

ELW 547

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK'S LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Sandi Olson Decker

Usher: Debby Love-Suddeth & Lucille Snyder Pires

Altar Care: *Volunteer Opportunity*

Assistant Minister: Matt Schulz

Cantor(s): Jon Gerdes

Sound: Jim Helgason

Video: *Volunteer Opportunity*

Refreshments: Dee Holland

NEXT WEEK'S LEADERS

Usher: Lucille Snyder Pires

Altar Care: *Volunteer Opportunity*

Assistant Minister: Carrie Hoerauf

Cantor(s): *Volunteer Opportunity*

Sound: Jim Helgason

Video: *Volunteer Opportunity*

Refreshments: *Volunteer Opportunity*

GOSPEL MESSAGE

August 28, 2022

LECTIONARY 22

The Round-Table Ethic

Jesus teaches his followers that social norms and expectations no longer apply in the dinner parties he offers. Tradition in Jesus' time said that the honorable sat in places of esteem at a dinner. The lowly were crowded down at the other end. This form of sharing a meal reinforced the social patterns of giving honor to the wealthy and powerful and shaming those who were poor and outcast. Jesus will have none of this.

The legends of King Arthur say he gathered the knights of the kingdom at a round table. A round table has no head seat of honor and therefore no lowly seat of shame. Arthur did this to help preserve peace in the kingdom. He brought together knights from many regions speaking different languages. Some of them were former enemies now reconciled. Some came to Great Britain from as far away as Africa and the Middle East. The round table created a space of equality. This equality supported peace and reconciliation.

Jesus critiques the social norms of his day and ours. He instructs his followers to host dinner parties that honor those dishonored in the community and that humble those who are privileged. The spirit of his teaching is similar to Arthur's round table: when we gather people together, we do so with a deep sense of equality among persons. In the church, this equality is rooted in God's grace that welcomes all to the table.

One of the most profound ways the church witnesses to and enacts the gospel is to gather around dinner tables, sacred tables, public and private tables, giving everyone a place of honor. Sometimes this means simply including those who have been excluded. Sometimes it means giving voice to those usually silenced. Always it means generously feeding and nourishing bodies and minds in the name of Christ. It is a gift to be a community that enjoys fellowship at the round table of Christ.

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Refreshments served in the lounge after the service

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please call Dorothy Kirk with any new or changed prayer concerns at 375-1043.

Please remember in your prayers:

Laura Snyder, daughter-in-law of Lucille Snyder Pires, who has had a stroke.

The family and friends of **Tom Barber**.

Dave Fleishman who has ALS.

Bernita McClain, Desma's aunt, whose cancer has returned.

Marjorie Knight, pray that she becomes stronger.

Diane Bakhit who is recovering for neck surgery.

Josh Bakhit who has a brain tumor.

Phyllis Cook who has a lung condition.

Ed Olson, undergoing cancer treatment .

Sandy Hoskin, continued recovery from a heart issue.

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

For those living in war-torn regions and all refugees, especially Ukraine.

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

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

Delores Heyl

Ronnie Lyons

Jim McMullins

Peter Kracht

Gloria Llenaresas

Shawn Leonard

Riley Ann Holland

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NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.
- **Offering:** Please remember your offerings to St. Timothy. Offering can be mailed to the church office, sent automatically using your bank, or given online by visiting our website www.sttim.org.

This Week

Sunday, 8/28	Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday, 8/31	Bible Study	2:00 pm

Next Week

Sunday, 9/4	Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday, 9/7	Bible Study	2:00 pm
	I Help Women	5:15 pm