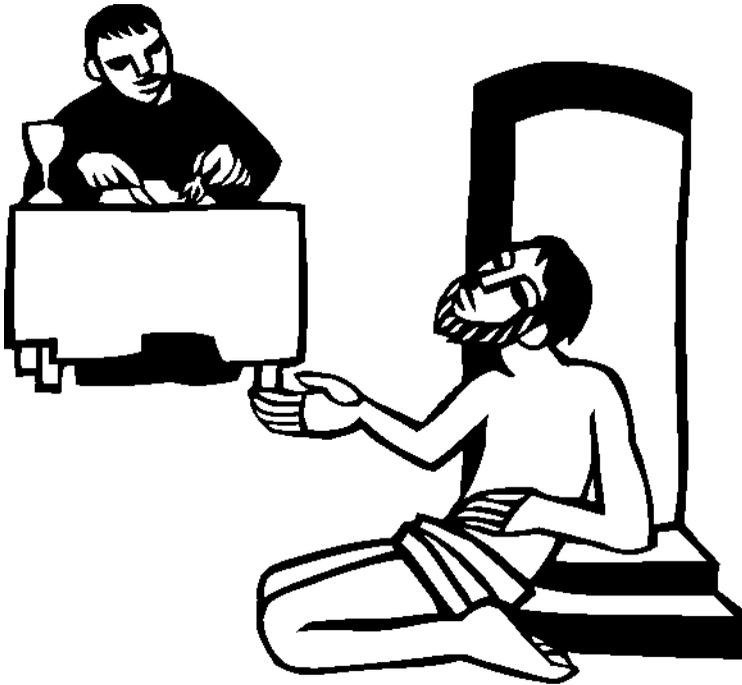


Sunday
September 25, 2022

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 26

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

INTRODUCTION

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.

GATHERING

* Please Stand

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*GATHERING SONG

Gather Us In.

ELW# 718

*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.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



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



to God's peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in 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 -

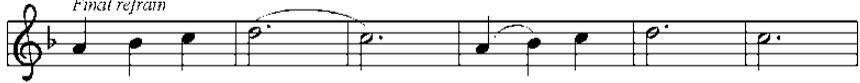


lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



A - men, a - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy,
All: 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.
All: Amen.

WORD

READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6-12

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.

Assisting Minister:

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰For 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.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight 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.

Assisting Minister: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,**

and in that day their thoughts perish. R

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

the LORD^l loves the righteous.

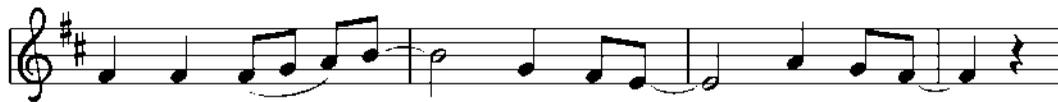
⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! R

*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.

***GOSPEL:**

LUKE 16:19-31

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

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. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He 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.’ ²⁵But 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. ²⁶Besides 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.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He 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.’”

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

PASTOR ANTON PRANGE

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

WOV # 763

Let Justice Flow like Streams



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ-teous-ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true.



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure,
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed,
and jus-tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation..

**All: God of grace,
hear our prayer.**

...

Pastor: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.
All: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING

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.

You are invited to use this time to offer prayers to God or to dwell in the music.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Please stand. Let us pray.
Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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, HOLY, HOLY

Assisting Minister to uncover communion

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,". The second staff continues: "heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff continues: "san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who". The fourth staff concludes: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*LORD'S PRAYER

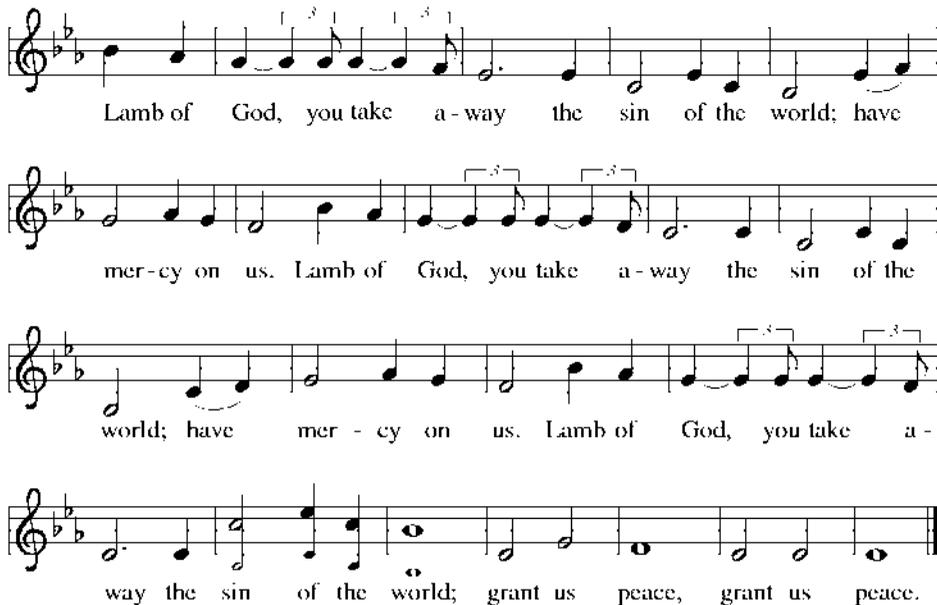
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,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

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW# 712

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Please stand. Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

SENDING

*BLESSING

Pastor: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Pastor: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK'S LEADERS

Pastor: Rev. Anton Prange

Music Director: Desma Johnson

Usher: Lucille Snyder Pires, Debby Love-Suddeth

Altar Care: *Volunteer Opportunity*

Assistant Minister: Steve Solomon

Cantor(s): Ida Barber

Sound: Jim Helgason

Counters: Dee Holland

Refreshments: Dee Holland

NEXT WEEK'S LEADERS

Usher: *Volunteer Opportunity*

Altar Care: *Volunteer Opportunity*

Assistant Minister: Steve Solomon

Cantor(s): Adrian Johannsen

Sound: Jim Helgason

Video: *Volunteer Opportunity*

Counters: Dee Holland

Refreshments: *Volunteer Opportunity*

**Refreshments will be served after the
service in the lounge.**

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GOSPEL MESSAGE

September 25, 2022

LECTIONARY 26

Optical Illusions

Have you ever seen one of those pictures that changes depending on how you look at it? Is it a rabbit or a duck? Is it a vase or two faces looking at one another? A young woman or an old one? Sometimes our first impression of something gets in the way of us seeing it another way.

In the parable Jesus tells today, there is a man with wealth and influence who has always seen his life as a success. That success seems all the more pronounced in contrast to a poor, sick beggar who is always hanging around the entrance to his house. But when the rich man dies, he realizes that his life was actually the opposite of what he thought. It was not his possessions or status that mattered; it was the justice and love he showed to others. When it came to those things, he was far more impoverished and much sicker than the man he looked down on every day.

When we look at our own lives, it can be easy to get stuck in just one way of seeing them. If we focus on worldly standards, we may judge ourselves as successes or failures in ways that are out of touch with how God sees us. With this parable, Jesus calls us to new ways of looking at ourselves. Where are we missing the opportunities right outside our front door to act with love and justice for our siblings near and far?

In Christian worship, we gather to practice the way our lives and our world appear to God. We lift up the cries that have gone unheard. We look at one another and ourselves through the redemptive waters of baptism. We feed one another around the table that Christ sets for us all in our common need. As witnesses to God's truth, we send one another forth to shatter misguided illusions in the world around us.

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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Michael and All Angels

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420

Friday, September 30, 2022

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

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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.

Adult Education has resumed in the Music Room – 11:15 on Sundays

We are currently discussing *Honoring Grief and Coping with Change*. St. Timothy's has said goodbye to its pastor and to many beloved members in the last 18 months. We have all lived through the roller coaster of an ongoing pandemic. Grief is a process and an experience of saying goodbye to what was, expressing the sadness and the warm memories, and discovering a new reality. Sometimes, people try to ignore or avoid grief. Others can find themselves "stuck" in grief. Together we will learn about some of the unspoken dynamics of grief and share conversation about how new life and resurrection comes from goodbyes. Grab some coffee and treats in the lounge, then join us in the Education/Music Room at 11:15 on Sundays.

***Grief and Coping with Change* – 5 weeks together (if you miss a week, that's ok!):**

Week One	9/11/22	Overview (definition of grief, types of grief, responses to grief)
Week Two	9/18/22	"Stages" and the emotions of grief
Week Three	10/2/22	Creative coping
Week Four	10/9/22	When grief seems too much
Week Five	10/23/22	New life and a "New Normal," Resurrection

SAVE THE DATE



Worship Service and BBQ Potluck

Sunday, October 16, 2022

11 AM – 2 PM

Casanova Oak Knoll Park

735 Ramona Avenue, Monterey
(Corner of Ramona and Euclid)

Join your friends to worship and pray
St. Philips and St. Timothy's members can play
Bring meat to cook and a dish to share
Plates, cups, napkins, and forks will be there

There's lots to do at this park in the sun
Be sure to join in and have some fun
More info will come as the date draws near
Add this to your calendar for later this year

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 the leaders throughout the world.

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

Delores Heyl

Jim McMullins

Gloria Llenaresas

Riley Ann Holland

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This Week

Sunday, 9/25	Worship	10:00 am
Wednesday, 9/28	Bible Study	2:00 pm

October St. Timothy Foundation Month

Next Week

Sunday, 10/2	Worship	10:00 am
	Adult Education	11:15 am
Wednesday, 10/5	Bible Study	2:00 pm