**H**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

# The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday, September 8 | 10:15 am

\*\*Childcare for infants through 4 years old is available on Sunday morning on the lower level, near the north entrance\*\*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

**Opening Hymn** 

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#### **Liturgical Greeting**

Priest	Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
People	And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 



#### The Collect of the Day

DeaconThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.DeaconLet us pray

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **Children Living the Word Commissioning**

At this time, children ages 4 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited downstairs to Children Living the Word, returning before communion.

Loving God, who told us that whoever welcomes a child welcomes Jesus himself, bless these children. Guide us as we encourage them in your ways, so that they might become disciples who are your hands and feet and voice in this world. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### **The First Reading**

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 146

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! \*

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*

for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*

and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \* who keeps his promise for ever;

- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \* and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;the Lord cares for the stranger; \*he sustains the orphan and widow,but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \* your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

#### James 2:1-10, 14-17

#### The Second Reading

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

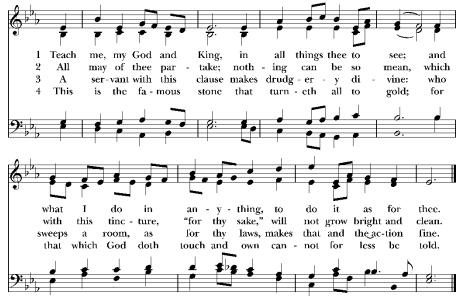
Please stand as you are able.

#### Gospel Hymn

#### Teach Me, My God and King

Hymnal 592

We will sing v. 1-2 before the Gospel, v. 3-4 following



Words: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: Carlisle, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815).

#### The Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

"Doubt...And Being Doers of the Word Anyway" The Rev. Jeanie Smith

Sermon

#### The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### The Prayers of the People

Form V

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of Your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

#### Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

For Dorothy Wilson, Jan Dickinson, Hugh Drake, Tom Dickinson, David Jarvinen, Allen & Nadine Patch, Mary Perry, Emily Shea, Larry Shea, Jean McCarthy, Peggy George, Mark Bartusek, Bev Goldman, Bill Waskom, Holly Honsey, and for those we name now, either silently or aloud.

All are invited to name those in need of prayer or who have asked for our prayers.

We pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation: For those in service to our country, especially Scott, Jack, Marshall, and Parker; For those seeking ordination, especially Alex and Kate;

For Christ Church in Burlington, St. Michael's in Mt. Pleasant, St. Timothy's in West Des Moines, St. Luke's in Ft. Madison, and St. John's in Keokuk in the Diocese of Iowa;

For the clergy and all people of our companion Dioceses of Brechin, Nzara, and Swaziland; For all victims of gun violence, especially those injured or killed at Apalachee High School in Georgia; and For the victims of war and oppression and for all who seek a just peace.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life:
For those celebrating a birthday, especially Kara, Pam, Chuck, Darin, Luke, Liz, Steve, and Isabel;
For those to be married, especially Alexandra & Brendan, Sarah & Chester, Callie & Jake, and Kristina & Tanner;
For those celebrating an anniversary, especially Jeanie & Bill;
For those expecting a child, especially Sam & Michael and Kathryn & Spencer;
For those embarking on the Scotland Pilgrimage;
For our Ministry of the Month, St. Timothy's Choir; and
For our 2nd Offering Partner in September, National Alliance on Mental Illness Iowa.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Timothy and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

#### To you, O Lord our God.

The Deacon adds a concluding collect.

#### Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

#### The Peace

PriestThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

#### Announcements

BCP 360

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offertory

Andante Doug Staudt, violin Christoph Willibald von Gluck

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Doxology

Please stand as you are able.

Gather 536, v. 4

#### Praise to the Lord – O let all that is in us adore him! All that has life and breath come now with praises before him! Let the "Amen!" sound from his people again – Gladly with praise we adore him!

#### The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

Celebrant

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

#### By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

### Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

### By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and

with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

#### Sanctus

Gather 235

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### The Celebrant continues

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."



After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

#### We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

#### Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

#### The Great Amen



#### The Lord's Prayer

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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, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

Priest	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Communion** You do not need to be a member of this church or of any church to receive communion.

To receive the sacrament, come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The wine is received by intinction, by dipping the wafer into the chalice. Please let the clergy know if you require a **gluten-free wafer**. To indicate that you would prefer a **blessing only**, cross your arms across your chest.

If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

**Music at Communion** 

**Concerto No. 1** Doug Staudt, violin Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Blessing

#### **Closing Hymn**

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Gather 728



Text: Peter Scholtes, b.1938 Tune: ST. BRENDAN'S, 7 6 7 6 8 6 with refrain; Peter Scholtes, b.1938 1966, F.E.L. Publications, assigned to The Lorenz Corp., 1991

#### Dismissal

Deacon

People

Alleluia! Alleluia! In this season when things are starting again, let us renew our commitment to passing the love of God on to everyone we meet. We will with God's help. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude



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**Presider** The Rev. Kyle Carswell

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> **Chalice Bearers** Dan Montgomery, John Wheeler

> > Lectors/Litanist OPEN, Max McGill

**Oblation Bearers** Luke Luft, Lucy Luft, Marcy Luft Ushers OPEN, OPEN

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Live Stream Coordinator Joe Rounceville

Offering Counters Larry Anderson, Jana Montgomery

> Vestry Representative Mel Rambo

## **MINISTRY OF THE MONTH**

## **ST. TIMOTHY'S CHOIR**



One of the joys of starting a new program year is always the return of the St. Timothy's Choir. The choir leads the congregation in singing from September through May and performs anthems and other choral pieces at special times of the year.

No auditions or previous choir experience required, just a willingness to make a joyful noise to the Lord! All are welcome to join us! Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Questions? Please contact Don Agee, our Choir Director at <u>ageedon@msn.com</u>

## 2<sup>nd</sup> OFFERING PARTNER - SEPTEMBER

### **NAMI Iowa**



The National Alliance on Mental Illness, and locally NAMI Iowa, serves as a catalyst around advocacy, education, support and public awareness so that all Iowans affected by mental illness can lead better lives.

They envision a world in which all people affected by mental illness experience resiliency, recovery, and wellness.

To learn more about NAMI, visit namiiowa.org

To support the work of NAMI with your 2nd Offering online, visit: <a href="https://www.stimothysiowa.org/donate">sttimothysiowa.org/donate</a>

## **COMING UP**

### THE COMING WEEK

Monday, September 9 1 pm Casserole Baking 6 pm Executive Team Meeting 6:30 pm Scouts

**Tuesday, September 10 SCOTLAND PILGRIMAGE BEGINS** 4 pm Stewardship Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 11 11:30 am Men's Lunch at Palmer's 7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 12 DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT BEGINS 11:30 am Ladies Who Lunch Friday, September 13 10 am Books, Brew & Banter

Saturday, September 14 9 am Centering Prayer 5 pm Holy Eucharist – Breaking the Silence

Sunday, September 15

9 am Childcare Available 9:15 am Christian Formation 10:15 am Holy Eucharist – Breaking the Silence 11:30 am Coffee Hour

#### **BREAKING THE SILENCE**



#### A SERVICE IN SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE AFFECTED BY SUICIDE

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 5 PM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 10:15 AM

This important service is offered as a liturgy of care for all those affected by suicide: those who struggle with suicidal thoughts themselves, those whose loved ones have died by suicide, and those who love someone who has made a suicide attempt. The liturgy includes prayers for those impacted by suicide, the lighting of candles, and anointing with oil with prayers for healing.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN APPRECIATION DINNER



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 | 6 PM ST. TIMOTHY'S PARISH HALL

Thanks to your generous contributions, we have already accomplished important work on our East Campus Renewal project, including new landscaping and the purchase of new picnic tables. A new control panel for our HVAC system has been installed, with a replacement of the entire HVAC system planned for the spring, and more projects to follow!

We'd like to show our appreciation for all those who have contributed so far with a catered dinner in September. All those who have made a donation will receive an invitation in the coming weeks. It will be a great chance to celebrate the work so far and to hear updates on the work ahead.

## **CHILDREN'S SERVICE**



### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 | 10:15 AM

On October 6, we will enjoy a special Sunday service incorporating the songs, voices, and active participation of our parish's youngest members. Children will have the chance to practice their roles in the service during Children Living the Word in the weeks leading up to the 6th.

For questions, please contact Census Lo-Liyong at censuskabang@gmail.com.

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 | 4 PM ST. TIMOTHY'S SOUTH LAWN

All creatures great and small are invited to our annual Blessing of the Animals – you can even bring pictures of your furry friends or your favorite stuffed pals.

A short liturgy of thanksgiving will be said followed by special blessings for each pet.

Treats for cats and dogs will be supplied and we ask that all live critters be leashed, crated or otherwise contained for their safety.

