



9th Sunday after Pentecost

A Service of Holy Eucharist

Saturday, July 25 | 5 pm

Sunday, July 26 | 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

To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King

Gather 492



1. To Je - sus Christ, our sov - 'reign King, Who is the
2. Your reign ex - tend, O King be - nign, To ev - 'ry
3. To you, and to your church, great King, We pledge our
world's sal - va - tion, All praise and hom - age do we bring And
land and na - tion; For in your King-dom, Lord di - vine, A -
heart's ob - la - tion; Un - til be - fore your throne we sing In
thanks and ad - o - ra - tion.
lone we find sal - va - tion. Christ Je - sus, Vic - tor!
end - less ju - bi - la - tion.
Christ Je - sus, Rul - er! Christ Je - sus, Lord and Re - deem - er!

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Tune: ICH GLAUB AN GOTT, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Mainz: *Gesangbuch*, 1870; harm. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

Liturgical Greeting

Priest

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's Kingdom, 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.**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Deacon	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Deacon	Let us pray

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without
whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and
multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our
ruler and guide, we may so pass through things
temporal, that we lose not the things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. Amen.

Children Living the Word Commissioning

At this time, children ages 4 years old through 4th 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

Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to

me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b

1 Give thanks to the Lord and
call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; *
**let the hearts of those who seek the Lord
rejoice.**

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
**the promise he made for a thousand
generations:**

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

45b Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

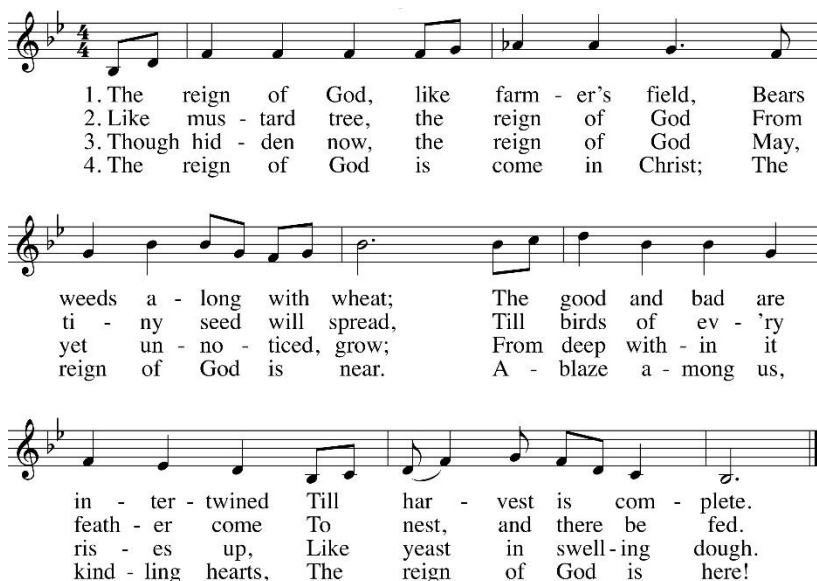
Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Hymn

The Reign of God

Gather 641

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



1. The reign of God, like farm - er's field, Bears
2. Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God From
3. Though hid - den now, the reign of God May,
4. The reign of God is come in Christ; The

weeds a - long with wheat; The good and bad are
ti - ny seed will spread, Till birds of ev - 'ry
yet un - no - ticed, grow; From deep with - in it
reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,

in - ter - twined Till har - vest is com - plete.
feath - er come To nest, and there be fed.
ris - es up, Like yeast in swell - ing dough.
kind - ling hearts, The reign of God is here!

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

“Pick a Parable, Any Parable”
The Rev. Jeanie Smith

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the
Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

Prayers of the People

Form V

BCP 388

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 all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as
you and the Father are one, 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. **Lord, have mercy.**

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. **Lord have mercy.**

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially Emily Shea, Larry Shea, Frank Harrison,
Dan Lovett, and Stephen Arnold; 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. **Lord, have mercy.**

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life:

For those celebrating a birthday, especially Carter, Kennedy, Kayla, Julie, Nancy, and Chris;
For those to be married, especially Katie & Ben and Abigail & Garth;
For those celebrating an anniversary, especially Susan & Dick and Donna & Dave;
For those expecting a child, especially Jenna & Regan, and Dana & Zach;
For those to be baptized, especially Hayes;
For our Ministry of the Month, Centering Prayer; and
For our 2nd Offering Partner in July, Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

For those in service to our country, especially Scott, Jack, Marshall, Parker, and Zohntay;

For those seeking ordination, especially Alex and Kate;

For those in discernment for ministry, especially Joe;

For St. Thomas' in Algona, St. Alban's in Spirit Lake, All Saints in Storm Lake, St. John's in Mason City,
and Grace in Charles City in the Diocese of Iowa;

For the clergy and all people of our companion Dioceses of Brechin, Nzara, and Eswatini;

For all victims of gun violence; and

For the victims of war and oppression, and for all who seek a just peace.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, 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.**

Silence

Deacon For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and
the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

BCP 360

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offertory

Organ Voluntary

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

From All That Dwell Below

Hymnal 380, v. 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S125

**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.**

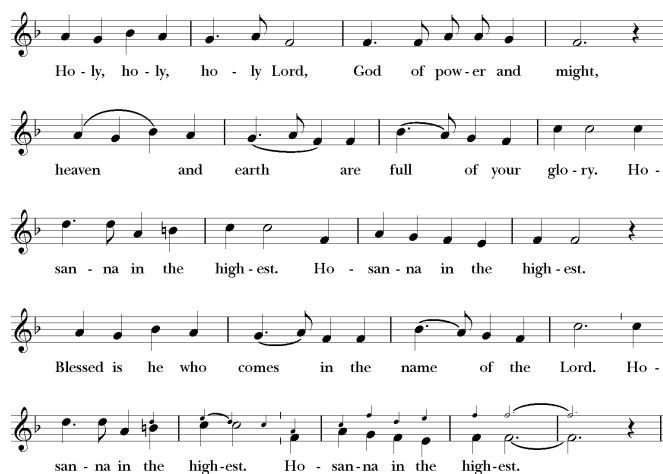
Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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 bread 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

Organ Voluntary

Please stand as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

*1.

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
 3. You do not live by bread a - lone,
 4. Where two or three are gath - ered in my name,

and seek, his and right - eous - ness,
 and you shall find,
 but by ev - 'ry word
 there am I in their midst;

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you;
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you;
 that comes forth from the mouth of God;
 and what - so - ev - er you ask I will do;

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

2. *Optional Refrain, Descant, or Canon:*

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

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

*May be sung as a two-voice canon.

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Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! God has poured out the Holy Spirit on us. Let us now go out with the Spirit as our guide to spread the love of God to all we meet.

People **We will with God's help. Alleluia! Alleluia!!**

Postlude

Following our Sunday morning service, please join us for Coffee Hour in our Parish Hall.

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

Presider

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

Deacon/Preacher

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

Music Director

Don Agee

Acolytes

Millie Luft

Chalice Bearers

Susan Leonard (5 pm)

Annie Waskom, Bill Smith (10:15 am)

Lectors/Litanist

OPEN (5 pm)

Peggy George, Redgie McManus (10:15 am)

Oblation Bearers

Kathy Larson, Mark Larson (5 pm)

Luke Luft, Lucy Luft (10:15 am)

Ushers

Alex Volker (5 pm)

Tim Goldman, Larry Shea (10:15 am)

Altar Guild

Jennie McKinney (5 pm)

McB McManus, Marcy Luft (10:15 am)

Offering Counters

Bill Smith, Scott Brennan

Live Stream Coordinator

Joe Rounceville

Vestry Representative

Alan Feirer

2nd OFFERING

IOWA MIGRANT MOVEMENT FOR JUSTICE

In the face of unprecedented need, Iowa MMJ is building on the legacy of two trusted organizations: the American Friends Service Committee Iowa and Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors. By uniting their programs, Iowa MMJ has created a powerful opportunity to address urgent needs for direct services while strengthening the movement for immigrants' rights across the state and region.

Iowa MMJ's diverse staff bring a combined 35 years of legal service experience and 15 years in programming, building on the 45-year reputation of its founding organizations. With a unique dual-program model, Iowa MMJ is well-equipped to fill unmet needs, build on existing relationships, lead/initiate important conversations, and win concrete victories for all communities in Iowa. As an affiliate of the Immigration Law & Justice Network (formerly Justice for Our Neighbors Network), Iowa MMJ continues to work in coalition, standing in solidarity with others to advance immigrant justice. In July, you can learn how to be the hands + feet + voice of Christ by partnering with them - financially or through volunteer work. Visit their website: iowammj.org

To give a financial gift, visit: sttimothyiowa.org/donate/



MINISTRY OF THE MONTH



CENTERING PRAYER

The experience of "praying the scriptures" is an ancient practice that has been bringing people closer to God for centuries. Also known as "Lectio Divina," this practice involves four stages: Read, Reflect, Respond, and Rest.

Listening to the word of God in Scripture is a traditional way of cultivating friendship with Christ. It is a way of listening to the texts of Scripture as if we were in conversation with Christ and He were suggesting the topics of conversation. The regular encounter with Christ and reflection on His word leads beyond mere acquaintanceship to an attitude of friendship, trust, and love. Conversation simplifies and gives way to communing.

This is a rewarding discipline to be experienced in a group. Please join us and experience both prayer and scripture on a deep level.

To learn more or experience a session of centering prayer at St. Timothy's, please contact Tim Goldman at timothygoldman@gmail.com.

For more information and centering prayer resources, visit centeriowa.org. Additional links to resources can be found in our weekly e-news.

COMING UP

THE COMING WEEK

Monday, July 27

6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, July 29

11:30 am Men's Lunch at Palmer's

Thursday, July 30

11:30 am Ladies Who Lunch

Friday, July 31

10 am BBB

Saturday, August 1

9 am Centering Prayer

2 pm VBS Decorating

5 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, August 2

9:15 am Adult Formation

8:45 am Childcare Available

10:15 am Holy Eucharist

10:15 am Children Living the Word

11:30 am Coffee Hour

5:30 pm VBS @ St. Timothy's



If you would like to donate for future altar flowers, contact the church office or click "Donate" on the church website.



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VBS

AUGUST 2-6 | 5:30 PM to 8 PM
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Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs

The Des Moines area Episcopal Churches are joining together to hold our summer Vacation Bible School. The theme for the week is "Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs." We'll invite kids to explore the elements all living things need to survive, incorporating Bible stories, crafts, music, and games. Dinner is provided for the children each night.

All students in Pre-K through 5th Grade (based on coming school year) are welcome! Those in 6th grade and up can serve as volunteers.

We'd also like your help with gathering supplies for VBS!

Monetary donations are also welcome, but if you want to purchase supplies please drop them off in the Parish Hall. Want to shop from our Amazon Wishlist? Visit the link above. Donations can be made here: sttimothyiowa.org/donate, choosing **VBS** from the drop-down menu.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration fee is \$20 per child. Please let us know if the fee is a barrier. We want all children to be able to participate, regardless of financial situation.

For more info & to register, visit sttimothyiowa.org/vacation-bible-school

VBS DECORATING

SUNDAY, JULY 26 | 11:30 AM to 2 PM
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 | 2 PM to 4 PM



Help Transform Our Church for VBS!

Join us for our VBS Decorating Days as we bring Compassion Camp to life! Whether you can stay for 30 minutes or a few hours, all helping hands are welcome—no **artistic experience required**.

Come help create a fun, welcoming space for our campers. We'd love to have you!

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 | 10:15 AM

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Headed back to school? Bring your backpack for a blessing during our 10:15 am service on Sunday! We'll present our kids with brand new backpack blessing tags for the new school year.

BAPTISM

We will be celebrating the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, August 23. If you or a family member is interested in being baptized, please contact Kyle no later than Sunday, August 16.

