

Welcome to St. Timothy's

The Seventh Sunday After
Pentecost



July 12th, 2026
In-Person & Online Service at 10:00am

Welcome & Thank You

We welcome back the Rev. Canon Dr. D.V. MacDonald this morning and thank him for being our celebrant and preacher.

Olney Hymn 16: The Sower

Ye sons of earth prepare the plough,
Break up your fallow ground;
The sower is gone forth to sow,
And scatter blessings round.

The seed that finds a stony soil
Shoots forth a hasty blade;
But ill repays the sower's toil,
Soon wither'd, scorch'd, and dead.

The thorny ground is sure to balk
All hopes of harvest there;
We find a tall and sickly stalk,
But not the fruitful ear.

The beaten path and highway side,
Receive the trust in vain;
The watchful birds the spoil divide,
And pick up all the grain.

But where the Lord of grace and power
Has bless'd the happy field,
How plenteous is the golden store
The deep-wrought furrows yield!

Father of mercies, we have need
Of thy preparing grace;
Let the same Hand that give me seed
Provide a fruitful place!

- *by William Cowper*

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude: Melodie, Op. 14, No. 1

(Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari (1876-1948))

(Performed by Edward Connell)

Processional Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

446, Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heaven descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.

Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die,
 crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.

Word that speaks God's tender love,
 one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
 God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

(Liebster Jesu, vs 1, 2, 4)

Opening Sentences

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 Gloria (sung)

All: **Glory be to God on high,
peace to all beneath the sky.
Praise and blessing now we bring,
worship, glory to the King.
Praise to Christ, God's only Son;
all our sin has been undone.
Grant us mercy, Lord, we pray,
and receive our prayer today.
For you are the Holy One,
who, alone, the victory won,
with the Holy Spirit, Lord,
and the Father, glorious God.**

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in you.
May we find peace in your service,
and in the world to come, see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

The Proclamation of the Word

Each reading ends with the line “Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches” (as cited throughout Revelation chapters 2 and 3) to declare that the Scripture that has been read is given by the Holy Spirit for all churches yesterday, today, and for ever, not just the people to whom it was written in ancient times.

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law — indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ

from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also
through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Romans 8: 1 - 11 (NRSV)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119: 105 - 112

Your word is a lantern to my feet *

and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined *

to keep your righteous judgements.

I am deeply troubled; *

preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *

and teach me your judgements.

My life is always in my hand, *

yet I do not forget your law.

The wicked have set a trap for me, *

but I have not strayed from your commandments.

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *

truly, they are the joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes *

for ever and to the end.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now

and shall be for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation #2

(Please stand as you are able)

Blessed are the poor in spirit;
all of heaven will be theirs.
Blessed are the sad and mournful;
God will wipe away their tears.
Alleluia, amen.

(Page 7 of the Sacred Harp Mass booklet)

The Gospel

(Please remain standing as you are able)

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

‘Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23 (NRSV)

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation #2

Blessed, too are those who hunger
and who thirst for what is right.
They will never seek to wander,
for in you is their delight.

Alleluia, amen.

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(Please be seated)

"To Know Christ & Make Him Known"

Silence is kept.

The Apostles' Creed

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

**All: I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit**

and born of the Virgin Mary.

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again
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 the People

*(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you - stand, sit or kneel
- and respond as indicated.)*

Leader: ... Gracious God,

All: hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O God, your ears are always open to the prayers
of your people. Open our hearts and minds to
you, that we may live in harmony with your will
and receive the gifts of your Spirit, through your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**All: 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 neighbours 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

(Please stand as you are able)

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

People: **And also with you.**

If you wish to make a donation and would like to use a donation envelope, they are available at the back of the church.

All cheques should be made payable to Church of St. Timothy.

*You can also donate online through
Canada Helps – just open your camera
app and scan this code.*



*If the collection plate doesn't reach you and you have a
donation, please hand it to a greeter as you leave the church.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:

(Please stand as you are able)

502, You Are Salt for the Earth

You are salt for the earth, O people,
salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace.
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!**

You are a light on the hill, O people,
light for the kingdom of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the kingdom of God!

Refrain

You are a seed of the word, O people,
bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

We are a blest and a pilgrim people,
bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the kingdom of God!

Refrain

Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Father,**
 your word creates in us a yearning for your
 kingdom.
 Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us
 in your peace;
 for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

*During the **Eucharistic Prayer**, following Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19), we give thanks for creation and salvation, recall his saving death and resurrection, and pray for the Holy Spirit to sanctify both the gifts and the people.*

***Bells** may be rung to draw attention to the **Sanctus**, moments when the Church recognises Christ's sacramental presence, echoing the awe shown when God draws near (Isaiah 6:4; Exodus 3:5), as indicated by + in the text of the prayer.*

*In the **Sanctus** (Holy, holy, holy) **and Benedictus** (Blessed is He) we join the song of heaven — "Holy, holy, holy" — sung by angels, saints, and all creation before God's throne (Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8) as Christ comes among us. It reminds us that church worship on earth is concurrent with that in heaven. In the **Benedictus** — "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (Psalm 118:26; Matthew 21:9) — we welcome Christ who once entered Jerusalem and who now comes to us in this holy meal.*

*The **Words of Institution** repeat Jesus' words at the Last Supper — "This is my body... this is my blood" (Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26) — the Church remembers and proclaims his self-giving love made present in this meal.*

*In the **Epiclesis** we pray for the Holy Spirit to come upon the bread and wine and upon us, that we may be united in Christ's Body (1 Corinthians 10:16–17; Acts 2:1–4).*

(Please adopt the pose most comfortable for you - stand, sit or kneel)

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in
you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name. +

**All (sung): Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the
Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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Celebrant: Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you." +
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me." +

Remembering, therefore, his death and
resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one

all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

All: Amen. +

<i>Lord's Prayer: As children of one Creator, we pray the prayer Jesus taught (Matthew 6:9–13), asking for daily bread, forgiveness, and the coming of God's kingdom before sharing the bread of life.</i>
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The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**All: 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 for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread and Agnus Dei: *The breaking of the bread recalls the breaking of Christ's own body given for the life of the world. In the Agnus Dei, we name Christ as the Lamb of God (John 1:29), recalling the Passover lamb of Israel's deliverance (Exodus 12) and proclaiming him as our Paschal sacrifice (1 Corinthians 5:7).*

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All: **God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei (sung by all)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace.**

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Prayer after Communion

(Please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Living God,
in this sacrament we have shared in your
eternal kingdom.
May we who taste this mystery
forever serve you in faith, hope, and love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the
Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely
more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God
from generation to generation, in the Church
and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Community Notices

(Please be seated)

447, Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

Lord, we hear your word with gladness:
you have spoken— we rejoice:
words of love and life and freedom—
help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration
for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus,
ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding,
by your Spirit taught and led;
may the springs of all our being
by your living Word be fed;
may our hearts accept with meekness
all the grace your light makes known;
may obedience mark our footsteps
till we make each word our own!

You have spoken; yours the fullness,
ours the wealth of this your Word:
debtors, then as living letters,
we must make your gospel heard!
By your Spirit's power transform us;
shed your saving light abroad
till our lives by love in action
show our world the truth of God!

(Hyfrydol)

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

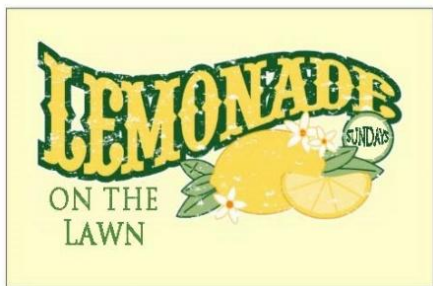
People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Capriccio, Op. 14, No. 2

(Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari (1876-1948))

(Performed by Edward Connell)

Our worship is over – our service begins.



A warm welcome is
extended especially to all
visitors and newcomers.
Please join us for lemonade
on the lawn after the
service.

This Week at St. Timothy's

- *Morning Prayer with a Thought for the Day* will be broadcast online via Zoom every morning, **Monday to Friday at 9:30am.**
- *St. Andrew's Group* meets online via Zoom **on Wednesdays at 12:00nn** for lunch and fellowship. Please contact Janet Fraser janet.fraser@sympatico.ca for details.
- **Next Sunday, July 19th – *The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost***
 - **10:00am:** Service of Holy Eucharist with Children's Programming

NOTE:

Sunday Adult Education and all weekday programs and services other than those listed above will be on break for the summer and will resume in September.

Week of July 13th to 17th



Regular office hours are 10:00am to 3:00pm Monday to Friday.

In-Person office hours will vary in the summer so please call ahead for an appointment.

Rev. Irina is on vacation till July 17th. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Lutzen or Ashani.

Music Notes

2026 Composer Anniversaries

This summer, I shall continue my recent summer practise of playing works by composers whose anniversaries occur in 2026. This year, it happens that a number of well known English organist/composers have anniversaries, and I will alternate them with other composers from various genres. There are often colourful stories connected to each of these composers, and I'll try to include a brief bio and background as we make our way through the series.

Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari (1876-1948)

Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari was an important German-Italian composer of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. He is best known for his comic operas based on

plays by Carlo Goldoni, the much-lauded 18th century Venetian writer who penned some of Italy's most famous and best-loved works.

Wolf-Ferrari was born in Venice in 1876, to a Bavarian father and an Italian mother. A musically talented child, he gradually felt drawn toward painting, the art world of his father. At 17, he relocated to Munich to pursue further art instruction, but he began composition studies with Josef Rheinberger, and soon produced his first works.

In 1895, he attached his mother's maiden name to the family surname. Apparently, he desired renewed connection to the Italian side of his heritage. Indeed, he returned to Venice that year in a vain attempt to launch his composing career after his first operas failed to be produced.

However, his first serious effort at opera, *Cenerentola* (1900), did reach the stage in Venice on February 22, 1900. Though it failed, the composer's 1902 revision achieved great success in Bremen, Germany. This was followed by the comic operas which achieved considerable success, first staged in Munich. These works became popular on the world's operatic stages for a number of years.

After 1909 he made his living largely from his compositions. The First World War forced Wolf-Ferrari to abandon Munich for Zurich, where he wrote little. After the war he moved back to Munich, but still regularly visited Venice and maintained influential musical contacts.

His output remained meager until the mid-1920s when he completed the opera *Sly* (1927), perhaps his most complex and most underrated. The U.S. premiere of the work did not take place until 1999, starring José Carreras.

Wolf-Ferrari has generally been described as a gentle man with a childlike manner, but the wartime woes he suffered in watching the two countries of his heritage divided by conflict, left indelible scars that altered his compositional style and focus.

Late in life, he focused as he had at the start of his career on instrumental works, and today, his work is finding renewed interest, particularly a fine 1946 violin concerto that has begun to enter the more regular repertoire of some artists. Unabashedly romantic in tone, it is an example of how his style fell more and more behind the times, and until recently, his name fell into comparative obscurity. But he is gradually being rediscovered, and there are now at least five recordings of the violin concerto, and a growing catalogue of his other works. Several of his operas are also now seeing modern revival productions.