

Sunday, February 2, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



Vision Statement:

Living in God's amazing grace, St. Timothy Lutheran Church nurtures relationships, celebrates diversity and opens doors so that we may be a glimpse of God's kingdom.

Caring, Sharing, Daring

St. Timothy Mission Statement:

**We intentionally reach out,
seeking and serving, sharing the joy of Jesus Christ**

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Welcome to St. Timothy! We are honored to have you in worship with us this morning. Please respect the social distancing wishes of those around you. Holy Communion is at the altar or individual tiny cups of grape juice and wafer are at the church entrance. A short explanation of how the sets are used is on page 8 under the distribution.

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Beloved. God's Chosen

ELW 648

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Thanksgiving Confession and Forgiveness *(Please rise as you are able)*

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Gathering Song *Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue (red book) ELW 644*

Pastoral Greeting: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day (together)

C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 71:1-6

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's
womb**

you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise as you are able)

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Then Jesus began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please rise as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

The Apostles' 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.**

(Please be seated)

Prayers of Intercession

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

(A brief silence.)

A: God of eternal wisdom, we pray for your church, which is being transformed by your word. Bless the church with your wisdom and guidance. Let us notice and take part in the new thing you are doing.

God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Your creation sustains us and all living creatures. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we bring harm to the earth. Grant us courage to make effective change so that all lands and living things prosper. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Embolden leaders of nations, corporations, and all in authority, that they lovingly tend those in their charge. Help them to respond to all who cry out in need. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Provide for those whose hunger runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness, especially for Kristina, Ernie, Lowell, Sonja, Ron, Maureen, Mary, Christine Lutz, Amy, Eli, June, Tim, and Kate. We especially lift up Jean's family and friends for comfort in her death, Janet Shannon's family for comfort in her death, Leslie who is preparing for surgery, and Ernie in the hospital with pain and testing. Send your Spirit so that all are filled with your presence and experience welcome from their communities. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for the young people in our congregations. May their voices be celebrated. Give youth a place of honor and value among us. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for peace in the world, especially for the ceasefire in Gaza, that it will last and that the people in Gaza are able to return home and have the support needed. We pray for any other wars, that there will be peace and that support will be available for those in need. We pray for the families of the people who lost their lives in the airplane crash in Washington DC. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered, quietly or to the congregation.)

A: We remember those who have gone before us. Let their faithful example continue to bear witness to us all. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: Amen.

(Please rise as you are able for sharing of the Peace & The Great Thanksgiving)

Peace

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

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

Offertory Hymn *Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow* ELW 885
Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Offering Prayer:

C: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, join the unending hymn:

Hymn: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,* ELW page 144b
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(Please be seated)

Words of Institution

DISTRIBUTION

We welcome you to the Lord's Table to share the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us. If taking communion from the pews, pick up one of the communion plastic cups at the church entrance. When invited by Pastor, take the top off the wafer side and eat. When invited, remove the covering over the drink and drink. Place the empty cup in the container at the end of your pew. If taking communion at the rail, ushers will guide you down the side aisle. Please pick up a small chalice as you approach the rail. When space allows, kneel as you are able at the rail. Take and eat the bread, and drink the wine or if prefer grape juice. Afterwards set the chalice on the table in the middle aisle and continue down the aisle to your pew.

Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

Distribution Hymns: *Lamb of God* *ELW page 146b*
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.
By Your Hand You Feed Your People *ELW 469*
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *ELW 631*
O Word of God Incarnate *ELW 514*

(Please rise as you are able)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (together)

**C: Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing:

The Spirit of the triune God + bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

ELW 836

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory ELW 705

We give God thanks or lift before God:

- + For our nation and the world that all might put love, generosity, and patience first
- + For homeless people as they struggle to find affordable housing
- + For St. Timothy and all churches, that the Holy Spirit would continue to inspire, encourage, and guide us in God's mission to love the world
- + Give strength to those with challenges at work, home, and in their personal lives
- + For the effort of Cultivate Initiatives for people in need in S.E. Multnomah County
- + For Kristina Heitmann in her ongoing health concerns
- + For comfort for Janet Shannon's family in her death
- + For comfort for Jean's family, friends, and St Tims family in her death.
- + For Leslie as she prepares for surgery.
- + For June for her recovery after surgery.
- + For Tanner according to her needs.
- + For Ernie in the hospital with pain and testing.
- + For Fred Warren in the hospital fighting infection.

Daily Readings for February 3-9

Monday, 1 Kings 17:8-16

Tuesday, 2 Kings 5:1-14

Wednesday, Psalm 56

Thursday, Isaiah 6:1-13

Friday, Psalm 138

Saturday, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Next Sunday February 9th, Isaiah 6:1-13;
Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, 4th Sunday after Epiphany, February 2, 2025

9:20 am—Choir practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after service

Monday 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours

Tuesday 11 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours

Wednesday 10 am—11:30 am Pastor Hamada's office hours

10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours

Thursday 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours

7:00 pm—8:30 pm NO Choir practice

Saturday 9:30 am—Property work, check with Ray to see if it is cancelled

Portland Food Project pick-up, deliver and unload

Next Sunday **5th Sunday after Epiphany, February 9, 2025**

9:20 am—Choir Practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after service

February Worship Services

If you're unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.

	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23	March 2
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Sherry W.	Shannon H.	Ray W.	Sherry W.	Shannon H.
Lector	Tim H.	Twila R.	Lisa S.	Karen R.	Tim H.
Usher	Skip & Marcia	Allen & Ernie	Gladys & Greta	Allen & Ernie	Gladys & Greta
Communion	Elaine & Karen O.	Candace & Gladys	Elaine & Karen O.	Candace & Gladys	Elaine & Karen O.
Tiny Tims Aide	Daniel R.	Greta	Amanda Martinez	Bridgett DeClercq	Daniel R.
Video & Sound	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.
Counters	Elaine & Ernie	Ray & Tim H.	Elaine & Candace	Ray & Ernie	Tim & Candace
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coord.	Sherry W.	Sherry W.	Sherry W.	Sherry W.	Karen O.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God is doing great things here at St. Timothy. Our ministry is grounded in the 3P's:

PASTOR + PEOPLE = PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL

HOLY COMMUNION We have communion at the altar railing or at your seat in the pew. See page 7, under Distribution.

WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE any Sunday at 10 am, online at:

[Zoom.us meeting 846 9586 7893 code: 307128](#)

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: The number of visits to the church's food pantry for the fifth week of January 2025 are 49. Needs are for cereal, tuna, chicken, fruit., snacks, pasta. Our next pickup for Portland Food Project is February 8th.

COMING EVENTS

The Centennial Community Association of Portland will be holding their meeting at St Timothy on Feb 6th 6:00 to 7:30 pm All 3 of the District 1 City Council will be there.

February is National Heart Month. HM will offer information on heart health, etc.

Super Bowl Sunday is February 9th. We will again have a souper bowl contest. Bring soup to vote for your favorite team and fruit for the one you vote to lose.