

**Sunday, January 5, 2025**  
**St. Timothy Lutheran Church**  
**Second Sunday of Christmas**



**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**  
**Announcements**  
**Opening Prayer**

*Listen, You Nations*

*from LBW 14*

**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**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

*ELW 275*

**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 God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 7-14**

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,

“Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the  
goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the  
flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be  
merry. I will turn their mourning into joy,

I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 147: 12-20**

Hallelujah Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,  
**who has strengthened the bars of your gates  
and has blessed your children within you.**

God has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**God sends out a command to the earth, a word that runs very swiftly.**

God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

**God scatters hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand against God's cold?**

The Lord sends forth the word and melts them; the wind blows, and the waters flow.

**God declares the word to Jacob, statutes and judgments to Israel.**

The Lord has not done so to any other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments.

**Hallelujah!**

## **Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise as you are able)*

## **Gospel: John 1: 1-18**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **SERMON**

*(Please rise as you are able)*

**Hymn of the Day**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*ELW 270*

### **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**

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

*(A brief silence.)*

A: O God, you reveal yourself in this assembly. In water, wine, and bread, show us again and again your grace upon grace, that your church boldly testifies to your love. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You reveal yourself in creation. In seedlings and planets, microorganisms and galaxies, awaken us to the cry of the earth. As you nourish your people like a watered garden, empower us to nourish our creaturely companions. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You reveal yourself in every land and in the farthest parts of the earth. Deliver peoples who suffer under oppressive regimes and thwart the foolish plans of unjust leaders. Our prayers to remember the people of Syria, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, the West Bank, Haiti, Lebanon, and Sudan. Give wisdom to our elected officials. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You reveal yourself in every human being. Help us recognize your image in our siblings in Christ who are in the strong grip of addiction, depression, anxiety, hopelessness, or other illness especially for Kristina, Ernie, Lowell, Sonja, Tanya, Ron, Maureen, Doug, Mary F., Janet Shannon, Christine Lutz, Amy, Eli, Dorian, Leslie, Jean, Dwight, Karen Burger, June, Tim, and Kate. Be especially with Jean as she receives chemotherapy. Grant us compassion in our care for your people. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You reveal yourself anew every day. In this new year, renew this congregation and its ministries in our witness to the good news of the incarnation. Transform the way we have always done things into your new future for us. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

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

A: You reveal yourself in the lives of your holy ones. We give you thanks for those who set their hope on you, trusting the inheritance we receive in you. God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Please rise as you are able for sharing 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*

## **Offering Prayer:**

**C: God of heaven and earth,  
from the beginning, you have called forth life,  
in which you take delight.**

**The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.  
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,  
that we may join the chorus of creation  
to tell of your salvation from day to day.**

**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*  
*Of the Father's Love Begotten*  
*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*  
*By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

*ELW page 146b*  
*ELW 295*  
*ELW 490*  
*ELW 469*

*(Please rise as you are able)*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

**Merciful God,**  
we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.  
**Strengthened by this goodness,**  
send us forth to announce your peace,  
comfort the afflicted,  
and share the good news of great joy. Amen.

**SENDING**

**Blessing:**

The God of love,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
lavish you with grace,  
illumine your path,  
and increase your joy,  
today and always.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:**

*Let the Whole Creation Cry*

*ELW 876*

**Dismissal:**

**P:** Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

*Jesus, What a Wonderful Child ELW 297*

## *We give God thanks or lift before God:*

- + For our nation and the world that all might put love, generosity, and patience first
- + President Biden and all who govern
- + 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 Maureen's decisions after cancer diagnosis
- + For Mary's brother, Doug, with a cancer diagnosis
- + For the effort of Cultivate Initiatives for people in need in S.E. Multnomah County
- + For Mary F. in recovery from her injuries
- + For Kristina Heitmann in her ongoing health concerns
- + For Dorian for recent diagnosis of diabetes.
- + For Jean and family during cancer treatment.
- + For Leslie as she continues to recover.
- + For Kate Henderson for recovery after surgery.
- + For June, and her recovery after surgery.
- + For Mary's grandson, and his deployment in the service.

## *Daily Readings for January 6-January 11*

Monday, Matthew 2:1-12

Tuesday, Ephesians 4:17—5:1

Wednesday, Psalm 72

Thursday, Isaiah 43:1-7

Friday, Psalm 29

Saturday, Acts 8:14-17

January 12th, First Sunday after Epiphany

Isiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

## *This Week at St. Timothy's*

**Today, 2nd Sunday after Christmas, January 5, 2025**

9:20 am—Choir practice  
 10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)  
 Coffee time after the 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 Choir practice  
**Saturday** 9:30 am—Property work, check with Ray if it is cancelled  
**Next Sunday** **1st Sunday after Epiphany, January 12, 2025**

9:20 am—Choir Practice  
 10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)  
 Coffee afterwards, downstairs

### **December—January Worship Services**

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

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26	February 2
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
<b>Assistant</b>	Ray W.	Sherry W.	Shannon H.	Ray W.	Sherry W.
<b>Lector</b>	Cathy H.	Lisa S.	Karen R.	Shannon H.	Tim H.
<b>Usher</b>	Gladys & Greta	Allen & Ernie	Skip & Marcia	Steve & LeAnn	Gladys & Greta
<b>Communion</b>	Cathy H.	Candace & Gladys	Elaine & Karen O.	Candace & Gladys	Elaine & Karen
<b>Tiny Tims Aide</b>	Daniel R.	Greta	Amanda Martinez	Bridgett DeClercq	Daniel R.
<b>Video &amp; Sound</b>	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.
<b>Counters</b>	Tim & Candace	Ray & Ernie	Elaine & Tim	Ray & Candace	Elaine & Ernie
<b>Music</b>	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
<b>Care Coord.</b>	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Sherry W.

## 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:** visits to the church's pantry for the first week of January 2025 are 15.

### **COMING EVENTS**

**Council Members:** It is time to get your annual report in.. Summarize major accomplishments for your council area and submit to church office. Articles due by January 8th for the annual meeting on January 19th. Karen Olomua, Vice President.

**The 2025 Annual Congregational meeting is scheduled for January 19th, after the service. The church budget will be reviewed and new Council members will be elected.**

**Lutheran Choral Association Epiphany Concert January 5th (today) at 4 pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N Rosa Way, Portland, OR.**

**THANK YOU** to all of the youth who performed in the Sermon skit last Sunday. Great job everyone!