

Sunday, February 9, 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

How Long?

R. Mann

Refrain: Teach me to do what is right, work in the darkness,
trust in the light, and may love be the path I walk upon.

1. How long must we cry out till justice rolls down like a river?
How long will this night last, and when will we all be together? *Refrain*
2. How long will these bombs fall, and bodies get twisted and broken?
How long will these voices keep shouting loud insult and slogan? *Refrain*
3. How long will your creatures be trampled and broken forever?
How long must we cry out till justice rolls down like a river? *Refrain*

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 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!* (red book) ELW 413

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: Isaiah 6:1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their

eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.”

Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”

And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

**The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one

time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise as you are able)

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him. The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please rise as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

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 surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, ranchers, line workers, and construction crews. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind, especially for Kristina, Mary, June, Tim, Fred, Tanya, 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 for Ernie who is recovering in a care center. Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith. May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Guard and protect those through out the world and United States who are fearful for their lives, employment, health, and basic needs. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer

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

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.
Come, Let Us Eat *ELW 491*
Will You Come and Follow Me *ELW 798*
By Your Hand You Feed Your People *ELW 469*

(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:

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

ELW 696

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

What the World Needs Now is Love

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 stay warm and to find shelter
- + 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.
- + Ernie Rippe who is in a care center for rehabilitation.
- + For Fred Warren in the hospital fighting infection.

Daily Readings for February 10-15

Monday, Psalm 115

Tuesday, 1 Timothy 3:1-9

Wednesday, Luke 5:27-32

Thursday, Jeremiah 17:5-10

Friday, Psalm 1

Saturday, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Next Sunday February 16th, Jeremiah 17:5-10;

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, 5th Sunday after Epiphany, February 9, 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
 6:30 pm—Council meeting
Wednesday 10 am—11:30 am Pastor Hamada's office hours
 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours
 3:30p—5:30 Call committee Education
Thursday 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours
 10 am—12:30pm ECMA at Pilgrim Lutheran Church
 7:00 pm—8:30 pm Choir practice
Saturday

Next Sunday 6th Sunday after Epiphany, February 16, 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 first week of February 2025 are 32. Our pickup for Portland Food Project this month was on February 8th. Thank you to all who helped at the distribution site and for the work to organize the food at St Tims. Anyone who wants to help on the 10th to put food away is welcome.

Super Bowl Sunday is this Sunday, February 9th. We will again have a souper bowl contest. Bring soup to vote for your favorite team to win, bring fruit to vote for the team you want to lose. The teams this year are the Kansas City Chiefs versus the Philadelphia Eagles. Bins will be located in the entrance.

COMING EVENTS

February is National Heart Month. HM will offer information on heart health, etc. Blood pressure checks will be available on the 9th.

February 16th all Sunday School helpers are to meet during the coffee hour following church in the Sunday School room.

Council Meeting is scheduled for February 11th at 6:30 pm.

Council Retreat will be on Saturday, February 22nd, from 9:30 am until 1:00pm.