

Sunday, March 2, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Transfiguration of Our Lord



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

Lord of the Dance

S. Carter

I danced in the morning when the world was begun
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun.

I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee

But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; They came with me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;

The holy people said it was a shame.

They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high and left me there on a Cross to die.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black—

It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.

They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, **But I am the dance and I still go on.**

They cut me down and I leapt up high!

I am the life that'll never, never die.

I'll live in you if you live in me; I am the Lord of the dance, said He.

Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said He,

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.

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 *Beautiful Savior* (red book) ELW 838

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: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been com-

manded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord, great in Zion,

Is high above all peoples.

Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;

God is the Holy One.

O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down before God's footstool;

God is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call

upon your name, O Lord,

they called upon you, and you answered them,

you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy hill;

for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise as you are able)

Gospel: Luke 9:28-43

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God. 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: Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for victims of abuse and violence. Provide shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all those who seek your healing care, especially Kristina, Mary, June, Kate, and Linda Wabs. We especially lift up Janet Shannon's family for comfort in her death, Leslie for successful surgery on March 5th, and Ernie for continued healing. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those experiencing houselessness, and poverty that they might find the support and help they need to be safe and free from hunger. God of Grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for all who have been laid off from the Federal government. Help them find the support they need financially and psychologically. We pray for immigrants and their families who are experiencing fear for their future. We pray for those in war torn countries, especially, West Bank, Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, and Syria. God of Grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

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

A: Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people, especially John Wesley and Charles Wesley, renewers of the church. We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. 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.

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.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *ELW 490*
O God beyond All Praising *ELW 880*
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:

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

ELW 318

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW 815

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 March 5th
- + For June for her recovery after surgery.
- + For Tanner according to her needs.
- + Ernie Rippe who is in a care center for rehabilitation.
- + Linda Wabs for cancer treatment.

Daily Readings for March 3-March 9

Monday, Exodus 35:1-29

Tuesday, Ezekiel 1:1-2:1

Wednesday, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thursday, Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Friday, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Saturday, Romans 10:8b-13

Next Sunday March 2nd, Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16,
Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday, March 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
 11:30 am—Ash Wednesday Service, Imposition of Ashes
Thursday 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours
 7:00 pm—8:30 pm Choir practice
Saturday 9:00 am—12 pm Property Clean-up (weather permitting)
Next Sunday **First Sunday in Lent, March 9, 2025**
 9:20 am—Choir Practice
 10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)
 Coffee Hour after service

March Worship Services

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

	March 2	March 9	March 16	March 23	March 30
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Shannon H.	Ray W.	Sherry W.	Shannon H.	Ray W.
Lector	Tim H.	Shannon H.	Twila R.	Lisa S.	Karen Ropar
Usher	Gladys & Greta	Skip & Marcia	Steve & LeAnn	Allen & Ernie	Gladys & Greta
Communion	Elaine & Karen O.	Candace & Gladys	Elaine & Karen O.	Candace & Gladys	Elaine & Karen O.
Tiny Tims Aide	Daniel R.	Amanda Martinez	Bridgett DeClercq	Monica Gordon	Michelle Grammer
Video & sound	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.
Counters	Tim H. & Candace	Elaine & Ernie	Ray & Tim H.	Elaine & Ernie	Ray & Candace
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coord.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	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: We are getting very low on most of the food!! We served 38 people this last week of February. We are in need of our shopping brigade for: soup, fruit, cereal except oatmeal, snacks (granola, fruit snacks, chips, etc), beans and corn, rice; dry beans/lentils etc;

Tuesday, March 4 – Shrove Tuesday Informal pancake community dinner at Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
(Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/tyLMqiMYMaW9dnBDA>)

Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday

St. Timothy will offer an Ash Wednesday service at 11:30 am, no music, just the imposition of ashes with a light potluck lunch to follow.

Trinity Lutheran, 507 W Powell, Gresham, will offer a Bilingual service at 7:00 pm.

Lenten Midweek Service Rockwood Center, 17805 SE Stark, from 11:30-1:30 with potluck Mar 12, 19, 26th, April 2nd, 9th.

REMINDER: Next Sunday, March 9, the time changes. We spring forward 1 hour. Don't forget to change your alarm clock.