

Sunday, March 9, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
First Sunday in Lent



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 *Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him* ELW 823

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.**

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: O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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)

Children's Message

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a

mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

**you will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust."**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High our habitation,

no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

**Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot
against a stone.**

You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

I will deliver those who cling to me;

I will uphold them, because they know my name.

They will call me, and I will answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and

believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

YOUTH PRESENTATION

(Please rise as you are able)

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

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

(A brief silence)

A: Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill, especially Kristina, Mary, June, Kate, Ruth, Anthony L., and Linda Wabs. We pray for Leslie for her recovery in the hospital from her surgery, and Ernie for continued healing. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for all those experiencing homelessness and poverty that they might find the support and help they need to be safe and free from hunger. God in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer

A: We pray for all who have 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 the West Bank, Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, and Syria. God in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

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

A: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

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: (together)

C: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. 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:	<i>Lamb of God</i>	<i>ELW page 146b</i>
	<i>Oh, Love, How Deep</i>	<i>ELW 322</i>
	<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>	<i>ELW 666</i>
	<i>By Your Hand You Feed Your People</i>	<i>ELW 469</i>

(Please rise as you are able)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (together)

C: Nourishing Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing:

God our tender parent, God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn:	<i>Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land</i>	<i>ELW 333</i>
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Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Be Thou My Vision ELW 793

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 recovers from surgery
- + For June for her recovery after surgery.
- + For Tanner according to her needs.
- + Ernie Rippe for continuous recovery
- + Linda Wabs for cancer treatment.
- + Anthony L. and family for strength and healing as he goes through cancer treatments.

Readings for Sunday, March 16th

Genesis 15:1-11, 17-18,

Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, First Sunday in Lent, March 9, 2025

9:20 am—Choir practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after service

Easter Jubilee meeting 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

11:30 am—1:30 pm Lenten Service and potluck at Rockwood Center

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)

1:00 pm—4:00 pm Memorial service for Jean Whitford

Next Sunday **Second Sunday in Lent, March 16, 2025**

9:20 am—Choir Practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

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.

TODAYS SERMON will be a presentation by the Youth of St. Timothy.

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

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

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: We served 42 people this first week of March. Shopping brigade—we are in need of soup, fruit, cereal (except oatmeal), snacks (granola, fruit snacks, chips, etc), beans and corn, rice; dry beans/lentils, peanut butter, etc. This need will continue through April 12th when the next pickup at PFP will occur.

EASTER JUBILEE AND EASTER WORSHIP: A planning meeting will be held during coffee hour today, Sunday, March 9th. Please come if planning to help or have ideas.

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES will be at the Rockwood Center, 17805 SE Stark, from 11:30-1:30 with potluck Mar 12, 19, 26th, April 2nd, 9th.

OUR LENTEN DISCIPLINE this year is “Giving What We Have.” Each person is invited to take a garbage bag home to fill with a piece of clothing in good condition that you no longer wear, want, or need for the 40 days of Lent. If the clothes are for adults only please label bag as “adult only.” If the bag is mixed adult and children please label as “mixed clothing”. These bags will be donated to Cultivate Initiatives or SnowCap.

MARCH FIFTH SUNDAY GIVING: God’s Global Barnyard 5th Sunday continues. Fill up the pink piggy boxes with coins to support world hunger. Bring the full piggies in to empty into a bigger piggy jar, then take the pink piggy boxes back home to fill again. Questions: see Karen O.