

Sunday, March 16, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Second 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.

Gathering Song *Be Thou My Vision* *(red book) ELW 793*

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: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, **"Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."** But Abram said, **"O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"** And Abram said, **"You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."** But the word of the Lord came to him, **"This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."** He brought him outside and said, **"Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them."** Then he said to him, **"So shall your descendants be."** And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, **"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess."** But he said, **"O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"** He said to him, **"Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."** He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, **"To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."** The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.

For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

My heart speaks your message— **“Seek my face.”**

Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God
of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me in.

Teach me your way, O Lord;

lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

Subject me not to the will of my foes,

for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord

in the land of the living!

Wait for the Lord and be strong.

Take heart and wait for the Lord!

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live

according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.

But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise as you are able)

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “**Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.**” He said to them, “**Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’** Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

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

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: Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. 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: Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need. We pray especially for 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. May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

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

C: receive our prayer

A: We pray for all who have been laid off from the Federal government. Help them find the support the 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: Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy.

C: receive our prayer

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

Daily Readings for March 10-March 16

Monday, Romans 4:1-12

Tuesday, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Wednesday, Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

Thursday, Isaiah 55:1-9

Friday, Psalm 63:1-8

Saturday, Romans 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Next Sunday March 23rd, Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1
Corinthians 10:1-13,

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.

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Second Sunday in Lent, March 16, 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—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 9:30 am Kitchen Cleanup

Next Sunday Third Sunday in Lent, March 23, 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 served __ people this second 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.

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.