

Sunday, April 27, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
2nd Sunday in Easter



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 7 under the Distribution.

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Day of Arising

(red book) ELW 374

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Thanksgiving Confession and Forgiveness

(Please rise as you are able)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

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

The Day of Ressurrection!

ELW 361

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 God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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)

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:14-29

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"**

The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord;
here the righteous may enter."

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**By the Lord has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna! O Lord, save us!

We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God and has given us light.

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God's mercy endures forever.**

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

YOUTH PRESENTATION—see insert

(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

A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(A brief silence)

A: Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way especially Kristina, Mary, Kate, Anthony L., Kevin Johnson, Betty C., Christine, Fred Warren, Linda Wabs, and Skip. We pray for Leslie for continued healing, and Ernie as he continues to heal. May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. Hear us O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

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

A: We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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 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>Savior, Again to Your Dear Name</i>	<i>ELW 534</i>
	<i>We Walk by Faith</i>	<i>ELW 635</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: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim
your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing:

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.
C: Amen.

Sending Hymn:	<i>Just a Closer Walk with Thee</i>	<i>ELW 697</i>
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Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

That Easter Day *ELW 384*

Daily Readings for April 28th-May 3rd

Monday, Revelation 1:9-20

Tuesday, Esther 8:1-17

Wednesday, Luke 12:4-12

Thursday, John 14:8-14

Friday, Psalm 30

Saturday, Revelation 5:11-14

Next Sunday May 4th,

Acts 9:1-20, Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19



*He is Risen,
He is Risen Indeed*

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 Leslie as she recovers in care center.
- + For Tanner according to her needs.
- + Ernie Rippe for continuous recovery.
- + Linda Wabs for cancer treatment.
- + Fred Warren in the hospital
- + Joe Ropar for continued healing.
- + Anthony L. and family for strength and healing as he goes through cancer treatments.

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Second Sunday in Easter, April 27, 2025

Monday 9:20 am—Choir practice
 10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)
Tuesday 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours
Wednesday 11 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours
 10 am—11:30 am Pastor Hamada's office hours
 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours
Thursday 1 pm—ECMA meeting at St Timothy
 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours
 No Choir practice
Saturday 9:00 am—Property work party
Next Sunday **Third Sunday in Easter, May 4th , 2025**
 9:20 am—Choir Practice
 10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)
 Coffee Hour after service

April 27—May Worship Services

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

	April 27	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Sherry W.	Shannon H.	Ray W.	Shannon H.	Ray W.
Lector	Twila R.	Lisa S.	Tim H.	Shannon H.	Cathy H.
Usher	Skip & Marsha	James G. & Jayce	Gladys K. & Greta C.	Skip & Marsha	Allen & Tim H.
Communion	Candace & Gladys	Elaine & Karen O.	Cathy H.	Candace & Gladys	Elaine & Karen O.
Tiny Tims Aide	Bridgett D & Michelle G	Amanda M & Cathy H	Bridgett D & Monica G	Amanda M & Michelle G	Bridgett D & Monica G
Video & sound	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.
Counters	Candace O & Elaine S	Ray W & Cathy H	Elaine S & Cathy H.	Candace O & Ray W	Tim H & Elaine
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coord.	Sherry W.	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 59 people this fourth week of April. To our astonishment we are low on everything!!! Donations will be gladly accepted. Don't forget water, fruit, vegetables, soup, pasta, rice, tomatoes etc. We are also currently looking for donations of personal items.

CRAFT DAY AND POTLUCK 11:00 am on Wednesday May 7th. Join Twila and Shannon in creating decorated boxes that can be used for gifts, storage, decorations, etc. No previous experience needed. You don't need to be crafty to do this project. Boxes, papers, glues, and embellishments will be provided at no cost for the first box. If you have any special papers or embellishments you would like to use, please feel free to bring them. Additional boxes and papers will be available to purchase if you want to make another box. Please let Shannon or Twila know if you are going to attend.

HEALTH MINISTRY During the month of May we will be collecting Emergency information to be kept in a Confidential Health Ministry file. We can call 911 in an emergency, BUT who do we call when someone does not need 911 but the support of a contact or family member? Having this information on file would be beneficial to help us provide this support for those in the building for worship, volunteering, or during an event. This is voluntary, but speaking as your Parish Nurse, this is one more way we can support the health and safety of our congregation. A form will be provided to each person to fill out. Questions? Contact Karen Olomua, Parish Nurse

OFFICE MANAGER POSITION: St. Timothy is seeking a person fill the position of part-time Office Manager. If you know some who might be interested please pick up a copy of the job description to share with them.