

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**  
**St. Timothy Lutheran Church**  
**4th 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 8 under the Distribution.

## GATHERING

**Call to Worship**

***The Lord's My Shepherd***

***(red book) ELW 778***

**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**

***Holy God, We Praise Your Name***

***ELW 414***

**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 peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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: Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm: Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

### **Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel: John 21:1-19**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **SERMON**

*(Please rise as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day

***Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us***

*ELW 789*

## **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: You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, legal advocates, and our government leaders. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care especially Dorian & family, Alys & Bob, Kristina, Mary, Kate, Betty, Christine, Fred Warren, Linda Wabs, Skip S., Lindsay, and Georgia. We pray for continued healing for Leslie and Ernie. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Hear us O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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

A: You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints (especially), we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. 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.**

<b>Distribution Hymns:</b>	<b><i>Lamb of God</i></b>	<b><i>ELW page 146b</i></b>
	<b><i>Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing</i></b>	<b><i>ELW 544</i></b>
	<b><i>By Your Hand You Feed Your People</i></b>	<b><i>ELW 469</i></b>
	<b><i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i></b>	<b><i>ELW 502</i></b>

*(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:**

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

*ELW 768*

### **Dismissal**

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

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

### **Postlude**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631*

## **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 a care center.
- + For Tanner according to her needs.
- + Ernie Rippe for continuous recovery.
- + Linda Wabs for cancer treatment.
- + Fred Warren in the hospital
- + Anthony L. and family for strength and healing as he goes through cancer treatments.
- + Dorian & family for strength and healing.
- + For peace for Bob and his partner, Alys.
- + Lindsay according to her needs
- + Skip S. according to his needs
- + Georgia Vogele as she continues to heal at home.

## ***Daily Readings for May 12-17***

Monday, Psalm 100

Tuesday, Acts 9:32-35

Wednesday, Luke 6:12-16

Thursday, Acts 11:1-18

Friday, Psalm 148

Saturday, Revelation 21:1-6

### **Next Sunday May 18th,**

John 13:31-35, Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6,

## ***This Week at St. Timothy's***

**Today, Fourth Sunday in Easter, May 11, 2025 Mother's Day**

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

**Thursday** 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours

7:00 pm—8:30 pm Choir practice

**Saturday** 11:00 am—1pm SOLVE Cleanup Event

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10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after service

### May 4—June 1 Worship Services

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

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25	June 1
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
<b>Assistant</b>	Shannon H.	Ray W.	Shannon H.	Sherry W.	Ray W.
<b>Lector</b>	Lisa S.	Tim H.	Twila R.	Cathy H.	Tim H.
<b>Usher</b>	James G. & Jayce	Gladys K. & Greta C.	Skip E. & Marcia E.	Allen P. & Tim H.	Gladys K. & Greta C.
<b>Communion</b>	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Cathy H.	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Cathy H.
<b>Tiny Tims Aide</b>	Amanda M. & Cathy H.	Bridgett D. & Monica G.	Amanda M. & Michelle G.	Bridgett D. & Monica G.	Amanda M. & Michelle G.
<b>Video &amp; sound</b>	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.
<b>Counters</b>	Ray W. & Cathy H.	Elaine S. & Cathy H.	Candace O. & Ray W.	Tim H. & Elaine S.	Elaine S. & Cathy H.
<b>Music</b>	Esther Shim	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
<b>Care Coord.</b>	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Karen O.	Sherry W.

## **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 8 under Distribution.

**WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE will continue next Sunday at 10 am, at:**

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

**FOOD PANTRY VISITS:** We served 37 people this first week of May. To our astonishment we are low on everything!!! Donations will be gladly accepted. At the moment we need toilet paper, pasta, snacks, soup, beverages, and canned chicken.

**CRAFT DAY AND POTLUCK** Thank you to all who came for this craft event. We had a wonderful time crafting and sharing an amazing potluck lunch. Plans are in the works for another project in the fall.

**OFFICE MANAGER POSITION:** St. Timothy is seeking a person to 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.

**Powellhurst SOLVE Event:** We will be working with SOLVE again this year for a local area clean-up. **When:** Saturday, May 17th **Hours:** 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM **Location:** St. Timothy Lutheran Church parking area **Provided:** Gloves, trash bags, grabbers, and visor vests for youth. **Bring:** your reusable water bottle. As in the past we double up and select your street. All ages welcome, waiver must be signed at the event. If you have our GWOH T-shirt, you're encouraged to wear it. Large size T-shirts are available for purchase.

**Cultivate Initiatives:** Cultivate Initiatives invites you to join them for an Eat and Greet on May 23rd 5-8 p.m. Free food, live music, petting zoo and good times.

**CELEBRATING THE WOMEN IN OUR LIVES** This month of May we celebrate the women in our lives—not just as mothers, but all women in all walks of life who bless us with their mothering spirit. Thank you! Women will receive a small gift today, and there will be cake at the coffee hour honoring women and their ministry. Blessings, Karen O., Health Ministry