

**Sunday, May 18, 2025
St. Timothy Lutheran Church
5th 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 *What the World Needs Now* (Bachrach & David)
Is Love...not just for some, but just for everyone.

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

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

ELW 424

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 teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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: Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be

baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life." The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 148

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

**Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

**Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,
**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name only is exalted,
whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for
all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are
near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.” The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

SERMON

(Please rise as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

The Apostles' Creed (together)

**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: Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness care, especially Dorian & family, Alys & Bob, Kristina, Mary, Kate, Betty, Christine, Fred Warren, Linda Wabs, Skip S., Lindsay, Anthony L., and Georgia. We pray for continued healing for Leslie and Ernie. Wipe away every tear. Hear us O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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

A: We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. 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 (together)

**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>Baptized and Set Free</i>	<i>ELW 453</i>
	<i>By Your Hand You Feed Your People</i>	<i>ELW 469</i>
	<i>Great God, Your Love Has Called Us</i>	<i>ELW 358</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>Where Charity and Love Prevail</i>	<i>ELW 359</i>
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Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand ELW 437

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.

Daily Readings for May 19-24

Monday, Psalm 133

Tuesday, Acts 11:27-30

Wednesday, Luke 10:25-38

Thursday, Acts 16:9-15

Friday, Psalm 67

Saturday, Revelation 21:10-22:5

Next Sunday May 25th,

John 14:23-29, Acts 16:9-15,

Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Fifth Sunday in Easter, May 18, 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

Thursday 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours

7:00 pm—8:30 pm Choir practice

Friday 11:00 am—1pm Fourth Friday potluck & bingo

Saturday 9:00 am—12 pm Property work party (contact Ray W.)

Next Sunday Sixth Sunday in Easter, May 25, 2025

9:20 am—Choir Practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after service

70th Anniversary Planning during Coffee Hour

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
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Shannon H.	Ray W.	Shannon H.	Sherry W.	Ray W.
Lector	Lisa S.	Tim H.	Twila R.	Cathy H.	Tim H.
Usher	James G. & Jayce	Gladys K. & Greta C.	Skip E. & Marcia E.	Allen P. & Tim H.	Gladys K. & Greta C.
Communion	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Cathy H.	Candace O. & Gladys K.	Elaine S. & Karen O.	Cathy H.
Tiny Tims Aide	Amanda M. & Cathy H.	Bridgett D. & Monica G.	Amanda M. & Michelle G.	Bridgett D. & Monica G.	Amanda M. & Michelle G.
Video & sound	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.	Ray W.
Counters	Ray W. & Cathy H.	Elaine S. & Cathy H.	Candace O. & Ray W.	Tim H. & Elaine S.	Elaine S. & Cathy H.
Music	Esther Shim	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coord.	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 39 people this second week of May. To our astonishment we are low on everything!!! Donations will be gladly accepted. At the moment we need pasta, rice, dry beans, snacks, soup, corn, beverages, tea, fruit and canned meats except tuna.

OFFICE MANAGER POSITION: We continue to recruit for the parttime Office Manager position. If you know someone who is interested, please have them read the job description and submit their resume to the church email found at the bottom of the job description.

CULTIVATE INITIATIVES: Cultivate Initiatives invites you to join them for an Eat and Greet on May 23rd 5-8 p.m. at Menlo Park Park and Ride, 12202 East Burnside Street, Portland. Free food, live music, petting zoo and good times. It's fun!

ST. TIMOTHY 70TH ANNIVERSARY: Come and help with planning the celebration of St. Timothy's 70th Anniversary. We will meet on May 25th during the coffee hour. Contact Karen O.

FOURTH FRIDAY POTLUCK AND BINGO on May 23rd. 11 a.m.—1 p.m. Come join us for fun, food, and Bingo.