

**Sunday, May 25, 2025**  
**St. Timothy Lutheran Church**  
**6th 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**    *Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone*    ELW 779  
*I've been set free. My God, My Savior has ransomed me.  
And like a flood, His Mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.*

### 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**    *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*    ELW 834

**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:** Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm: Psalm 67**

May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na-  
tions on earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

## **Second Reading: Revelation 21:21:10, 22-22:5**

And in the spirit one of the angels carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be

found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: John 14:23-29**

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**SERMON**

*(Please rise as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day

***O Spirit of Life***

*ELW 405*

## **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: Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God.  
**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling especially 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: This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God.  
**C: Your mercy is great.**

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

A: Hear us, O God.  
**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ (especially). Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give.  
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.**

<b>Distribution Hymns:</b>	<b><i>Lamb of God</i></b>	<i>ELW page 146b</i>
	<b><i>Come Down, O Love Divine</i></b>	<i>ELW 804</i>
	<b><i>By Your Hand You Feed Your People</i></b>	<i>ELW 469</i>
	<b><i>Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks</i></b>	<i>(blue book) WOV 671</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.**

<b>Sending Hymn:</b>	<b><i>The Peace of the Lord</i></b>	<i>ELW 646</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**

*Come We That Love the Lord ELW 625*

### **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.

### ***Daily Readings for May 26-30***

Monday, Revelation 21:5-14

Tuesday, Psalm 93

Wednesday, Luke 2:25-38

Thursday, Luke 24:44-53

Friday, Psalm 97

Saturday, Luke 1:39-57

### **Next Sunday June 1st,**

John 17:20-26, Acts 16:16-34,

Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

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

**Today, 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

**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

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

**Next Sunday** **Seventh Sunday in Easter, June 1, 2025**

9:20 am—Choir Practice

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 40 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 today during the coffee hour. Contact Karen O.

**USHER TRAINING:** On June 1st there will be an usher training session after church with Ernie Rippe.

**THE DISHES ARE GONE:** Thank you to everyone who helped box up the dishes downstairs for donation. They have been picked up, and are on their way to their new home.