

Sunday, October 26, 2025

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday



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. Learn how to use the sets on page 7 under Distribution.

Land Acknowledgement:

St. Timothy Lutheran Church humbly acknowledges that we live within the traditional lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, and Clackamas bands of Chinook; the Cowlitz; the Tualatin Kalapuya; the Molalla and many other Tribes who made their homes along the Columbia River. Most of these peoples are currently part of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. In our place of ministry in Portland, Oregon, St. Timothy thanks God for living and serving in this domain of Native people from over 380 different Tribal backgrounds.

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Soli Deo Gloria

ELW 878

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Thanksgiving Confession and Forgiveness

(Please rise as you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.**

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

Gathering Song

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

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: Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

L: Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth melts away.

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now, regard the works of the Lord,

what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.)

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please rise as you are able)

Hymn of the Day: *Rise, Shine, You People*

ELW 665

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)

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

(A brief silence.)

Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. We especially pray for peace in all the world, and that war will cease and food and water will be provided for all of God's people. We ask for courage in the face of that which would separate us from Your love, here in Portland and across this country as local communities are torn apart in the face of ICE activity. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill especially Madieri Markwart and husband Bill with ongoing medical concerns, Kristina, Christine, Linda Wabs, Anthony L., Deanna, Ron, Greta, Johann (Yeohawn), Ernie, Pastor Chuck, Al, , Bob Vecsi and Dorian and family according to their needs. Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints especially Bishop Paul Swanson, Martin Luther, Martin Luther King Jr., and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, ELW page 144b*
God of pow'r and might, 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 you are 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)

**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>The Church of Christ, In Every Age</i>	<i>ELW 729</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: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing:

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
† bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn:	<i>My Hope is Built on Nothing Less</i>	<i>ELW 596</i>
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Dismissal :

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude:

Rise, Shine, You People ELW 665

We give God thanks or lift before God:

- + For our nation and the world that all might put love, generosity, compassion and patience first.
- + For homeless people as they struggle to stay hydrated 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 Linda Wabs for cancer treatment.
- + For Anthony L. & family for healing as he continues with cancer treatments.
- + For Dorian & family according to their needs.
- + For Pastor Chuck with his declining health.
- + For Deanna for healing.
- + For Greta for comfort and healing.
- + For Johann according to his needs.

Budget Requests for 2026

Please have all of your budget requests in to Karen R.
by November 1st!

Questions?

Please reach out to office staff of Karen Ropar, Treasurer.



Daily Readings for October 27th - November 1st

Monday: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Tuesday: John 14:21-27

Wednesday: Matthew 21:28-32

Thursday: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Friday: John 8:31-36

Saturday: Luke 6:20-31

Next Sunday, November 2nd

Daniel 7:1-3, Psalm 149, Ephesians 1:11-23
and Luke 6:20-31

This Week at St. Timothy's

**Today, Sunday October 26th, 2025, Pentecost 20
Reformation Sunday**

9:20 am—Choir meeting
10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)
Coffee Hour after the Service

Monday 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours

Tuesday 11 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours
10 am—11:30 am Pastor Hamada's office hours

Thursday 10 am—1 pm Office & Pantry hours
7 pm—8:30 pm Choir meeting

Friday 10 am—1:30 pm Pastor Hamada's office hours

Saturday

**Sunday November 2nd, 2025, 21st Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Day**

9:20 am—Choir Practice
10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)
Coffee Hour after the Service

November Worship Services
If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.

	November 2nd	November 9th	November 16th	November 23rd	November 30th
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	Shannon H
Lector	Twila R	Lisa S	Cathy H	Mary F	Twila R
Usher	Steve & LeAnn	Gladys & Tim	Skip & Marcia E	Steve & LeAnn	James & Jayce
Communion	Candace O & Gladys K	Cathy H	Marie R & Karen O	Cathy H	Candace O & Gladys K
Tiny Tims	Daniel R	Karen O	Amanda M	Monica G	Brigit D
Video & Sound	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W
Counters	Tim H & Mary F	Candace O & Cathey H	Tim H & Ray W	Cathy H & Ray W	Ray W & Mary F
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S
Care Coordinator	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 8 under Distribution.

WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE on Sundays at 10 am at:

[Zoom.us meeting 846 9586 7893 code: 307128](https://zoom.us/join/84695867893)

CELEBRATE PASTOR DAVE KRUEGER: Please consider helping Pastor Dave celebrate his 75th birthday by sending a card! Cards may be mailed to: Pastor Dave Krueger 20176 S 192nd Pl Queen Creek, AZ 85142.

HEALTH MINISTRY: We're beginning to pack winter packs! Please consider a donation of small, individual hand sanitizer, small Kleenex packs, cough drops (wrapped) and granola bars.

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: We served a total of **75 individuals** this week at our food pantry. We expect an increase in our food pantry visits as we move into November. **SHOPPERS:** we need canned vegetables, can openers, fruit, crackers for soup, toothpaste and bar soap.

WEEKLY PROPERTY WORK PARTIES: There are no more scheduled property work parties for 2025. Thank you all who continue to share your time and talents keeping the property cleaned up!

TRUNK OR TREAT: St. Timothy's annual Trunk or Treat event was last night from 4:30-6:00pm. Thank you to all who made this event possible, especially Michelle and Monica!

COATS FOR KIDS: Please donate for 5th Sunday in November! November's 5th Sunday offering will support Coats for Kids in Centennial School District. **SHOPPERS:** Please see Sherry for details about needed coats!

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir meets Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm. No experience (or skill!) necessary. All are welcome to join the choir!

NEW MAILING ADDRESS: Please note that we have a **new mailing address**. The new address can be found on the front of your bulletin.