

Sunday, November 16, 2025

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Pentecost 23



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. Everyone is welcome to share Holy Communion at the rail from the altar or with individual cups from the church entrance. See how to use the sets on page 8 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

Harvest Songs

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Announcements

Opening Prayer

Thanksgiving Confession and Forgiveness

(Please rise as you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts, and bring us to new life.**

C: Amen.

P: Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you,
† in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C: Amen.

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, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. L: Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness
in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who comes to judge the earth.**

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. L: Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will

hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.” 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: O God of Every Nation

ELW 713

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)

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(A brief silence.)

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing disasters, including those human-made, especially those who are hungry and those in Gaza being starved in the face of political violence. Grant moments of rest for the food pantries, businesses, individuals, communities of faith trying to keep our siblings fed, especially ECMA and St. Timothy. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind especially Madieri Markwart and husband Bill with ongoing medical concerns, Kristina, Christine, Linda Wabs, Anthony L., Deanna, Ron, Greta, Johann (Yeohawn), Judy H. Ernie, Pastor Chuck, Al, Barb Vecsi and David, Ron, Marshall, Steve (Mary's brother and Dorian and family according to their needs. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness especially Jean Whitford. We pray for the family of Dave Effenberger Parrish in the announcement of his return to Your eternal home. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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: God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.**

Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

**Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever. 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

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

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.

Distribution Hymns: *Lamb of God ELW page 146b*
Abide with Me ELW 629
By Your Hand You Feed Your People ELW 469

(Please rise as you are able)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (together)

C: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing:

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you †
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

ELW 596

Dismissal :

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude:

Soon and Very Soon ELW 439

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 Ernie Rippe for continuous recovery.
- + 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.
- + For Judy H. for healing according to her needs.

Daily Readings for November 17th-22nd:

Monday: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

Wednesday: Matthew 23:37-24:14

Thursday: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Friday: Psalm 46

Saturday: Colossians 1:11-20

Next Sunday, November 23rd:

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20
and Luke 23:33-43

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday November 16th, 2025 Pentecost 23

9:20 am—Choir practice

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

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 Practice

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

Saturday

Sunday November 23rd, 2025, 24th Sunday after Pentecost

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 & Cathy 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

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: We served a total of **71 individuals** this week at our food pantry. **SHOPPERS:** we need , fruit, personal care items, soup, snacks, water and juice, chicken, pasta (all kinds), cooking oil and cereal.

COATS FOR KIDS: Sherry has size and types of coats most needed. We have about \$600 for fifth Sunday so far. If you wish to shop here is what is needed:

Grade school: Sizes 5, 5-6, 6, 7-8, 10-12, 14,
At the current time we have 16 of the needed 100.

Middle/High School: Sizes 16 & 18. All adult sizes needed.
We have 10 of 100.

Remember 200 is the goal, not a requirement.

Plan for pickup by school district staff on November 20th.

THANKSGIVING EVE DINNER AND WORSHIP: Pilgrim Lutheran Church is hosting a community Thanksgiving dinner on Wednesday, November 25th. Area churches are contributing volunteer time to serve and provide foods for the meal that usually serves about 75 people in the community. St. Timothy has been asked to contribute; prepared stuffing, canned cranberry sauce, and one cooked turkey. Contact Karen O. for more information!

SOCK IT TO ME!: Collection of new, warm socks has begun. Donated socks will be included in Health Ministry Winter Packs to be distributed through the Food Pantry and, yes, handed out by anyone who is driving around the area and sees someone in need, standing on the street with "help" sign - or a neighbor you know is in need. Socks will be collected into December. Questions? See Karen O. for more information.

SUPPORT THE FOOD PANTRY AT DDHS BAZAAR: 9:00a-1:00p Saturday, December 6, 2025 at David Douglas High School Lisa Sanders has a table at the bazaar selling small handmade items (under \$10 only). All proceeds will be donated to the St. Timothy food pantry. All congregation members, especially children and youth, are invited to provide items to sell. For more information please contact Lisa Sanders 971-285-2407 jeffandlisa.sanders@gmail.com