

Sunday, November 30, 2025

St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Advent 1



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 *Keep You Lamps Trimmed and Burning*
Children, don't grow weary for the time is drawing nigh.

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: Most merciful God,

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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song

Light One Candle

ELW 240

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: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

L: The word of the LORD,

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

**Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

“May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

**For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**

Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. L: The word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until

the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please rise as you are able)

Hymn of the Day: *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

ELW 344

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)

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

(A brief silence.)

God of the people, we come seeking wisdom and instruction. Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

God of the earth, we seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

God of the nations, grant wisdom to leaders, judges, and mediators. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Remake implements of war to sow peace. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

God of healing, bring comfort and strength. We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing 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. Today, and all days, we live up prayers for those affected by HIV and AIDS as we remember World AIDS Day. Surround all with care and consolation.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

God of new possibilities, when addiction wounds, jealousy tears down, and relationships fray, show us how to journey with one another. Nurture therapists, counselors, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints especially Jean Whitford and Dave Effenberger to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

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: Nourishing God,
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.
Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,
that we may rejoice and be for the world
signs of your kingdom come.
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 Hymns:	<i>Lamb of God</i>	<i>ELW page 146b</i>
	<i>The King Shall Come</i>	<i>ELW 260</i>
	<i>By Your Hand You Feed Your People</i>	<i>ELW 469</i>

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.

(Please rise as you are able)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (together)

**C: God our host,
at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.
Send us forth, eager to share the feast,
welcome the stranger,
and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn:

Soon and Very Soon

ELW 439

Dismissal :

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude:

Wake Awake, for Night is Flying ELW 436

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 December 1-6:

Monday: John 1:35-42

Tuesday: Genesis 9:1-17

Wednesday: Matthew 24:23-35

Thursday: Isaiah 11:1-10

Friday: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Saturday: Romans 15:4-13

Next Sunday, December 7th:

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13
and Matthew 3:1-12

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday November 30th, 2025 Advent 1

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
 11 am—12pm Advent Midweek Worship Service
 12pm Advent Service Ministry
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 December 7th, 2025, 2nd Sunday of Advent

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 **44 individuals** this (short!) 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 December 4th.

GRESHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR: This community choir will perform on December 7th at 3pm at Reynolds High School. This is a **FREE** event, and they ask that you come with canned goods for East County Food Pantry for admission. The East County Food Pantry, similarly to St Timothy, are often low on food and getting less from the Oregon Food Bank.

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