

**Sunday, January 18, 2026
Second Sunday After Epiphany
St. Timothy Lutheran Church**



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 9 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 *Listen, You Nations of the World* (LBW 14)
Announce it from coast to coast...the Lord has saved his people!

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

Jesus Call Us O'er the Tumult

ELW 696

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: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. *(Please be seated)*

Children's Message

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands;
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord
and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”
Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

L: The word of the LORD,

C:Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-11

I waited patiently upon the Lord,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**

The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are they who trust in the Lord!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God!

In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!

But they are more than I can count.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering
you have not required.**

And so I said, “Here I am; I come.

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.’ ”**

I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth
from the great assembly.**

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes. To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The word of the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel: John 1:29-42

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water

said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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:

Lead On, O King Eternal

ELW 805

(Please be seated)

As God’s beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

(A brief silence.)

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters such as those we are witness to in this moment; flooding, cyclones, landslides and disease outbreaks. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness especially; Madieri Markwart and husband Bill with ongoing medical concerns, Kristina, Christine, Anthony L., Deanna, Ron, Johann (Yeohawn), Judy H. Pastor Chuck, Al, Barb Ron, Marshall, Steve (Mary's brother), Jaycee, River, William. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community (our food pantry and Cultivate Initiatives). Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. We especially remember the family of Mike Teegarden. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **C: Amen.**

COUNCIL INSTALLATION - see insert

(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 majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

The 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	<i>ELW page 146b</i>
	Just As I Am	<i>ELW 592</i>
	By Your Hand You Feed Your People	<i>ELW 469</i>

(Please rise as you are able)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (together)

C: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the width-ness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing:

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
† bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn:	<i>Arise, Your Light Has Come</i>	<i>ELW 314</i>
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Dismissal :

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:	<i>Siyahamba</i>	<i>WOV 650</i>
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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 January 18th-January 24th:

Monday: Matthew 16:13-19

Tuesday: Psalm 40:6-17

Wednesday: Isaiah 48:12-21

Thursday: Isaiah 9:1-4

Friday: Psalm 27:1,4-9

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Next Sunday, January 25th:

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18;
and Matthew 4:12-23

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday January 18th, Second Sunday after Epiphany

9:20 am—Choir practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

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

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

Saturday

Sunday January 25th, 2026, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

9:20 am—Choir Practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after the Service

January Worship Services

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

	January 4th	January 11th	January 18th	January 25th
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Sherry W	Shannon H	Ray W	Karen O
Lector	Cathy H	Twila R	Mary F	Sherry W
Usher	Glady K & Tim H	Skip & Marcia E	Allen P & Tim H	James G & Jayce
Communion	Cathy H	Cathy H	Candace O & Gladys K	Karen O
Tiny Tims	Daniel R	Monica G	Briget D	Michelle G
Video & Sound	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W
Counters	Tim H & Mary F	Ray W & Jeff S	Tim H & Candace O	Shannon H & Mary F
Music	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
Care Coordinator	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 9 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 **61 individuals** this week at our food pantry. Please continue to pray for our food bank; for volunteers and for those who are in need of food bank services. Donations and shopping reimbursement appreciated including water, soup, ramen, tuna and chicken breast.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT 2026: Ash Wednesday is February 18th. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday services February 18th through March 25th. More information about services will be made available in the coming weeks.

EASTER JUBILEE PLANNING: Join us on January 25th during coffee hour to begin planning Easter Jubilee for 2026! Questions? Contact Karen O for more information.

JOIN AN IMPROMTU RUMMIKUB social time at 10 am on Thursdays. Want more information, see Jeff Sanders.