

**Sunday, February 1st, 2026
Fourth 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

Build a Longer Table

D. Bjorlin

Build a longer table, not a higher wall, feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend, Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail; where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied, Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.
When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad, Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam. None can be excluded; all must find a home.

Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence. Love protects all people, sparing no expense.

When we embrace compassion more than fear, Christ tears down our fences:

All are welcome here.

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.

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, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

L: The word of the LORD,

C:Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who
fear the Lord.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.
They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the

wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the 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: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

ELW 547

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

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.)

God our wisdom, renew the church in the power of the Spirit, that it may do justice, love kindness, live humbly, and boldly proclaim Christ crucified. We pray for social justice and humanitarian aid ministries especially St. Timothy and other food pantries as well as houseless shelters. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

God our source, we honor you by caring wisely for your creation. We pray for the health of old growth forests, ice caps, and ocean currents. Preserve the diversity of life on earth. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

God our righteousness, raise up visionary leaders who serve with integrity and respect human rights. Increase freedom in every nation. Protect educators, journalists, artists, and religious activists who are reviled for speaking truth. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

God our advocate, you give hope to all who suffer because of persecution, poverty, or war. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Comfort any who grieve especially Allen Perhus in the death of his brother William. We pray for those who suffer in any way especially Madieri, Kristina, Christine, Anthony L and family, Deanna, Jaycee, River, and Karen R. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

God our blessing, we pray for the children and youth of this congregation, and for parents, grandparents, mentors, teachers, and youth ministers who model love for their neighbor and care for others. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

God our joy, we give thanks for the lives of those before us who journeyed humbly with you. 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.

(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>
	Blest Are They	<i>WOV 764</i>
	By Your Hand You Feed Your People	<i>ELW 469</i>

(Please rise as you are able)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (together)

C: Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through 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:	Rise Up, O Saints of God	<i>ELW 669</i>
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Dismissal :

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:	<i>Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart</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 February 2nd-February 7th:

Monday: Luke 2:22-40

Tuesday: Psalm 37:1-17

Wednesday: Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22

Thursday: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Friday: Psalm 112:1-10

Saturday: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

Next Sunday, February 1st:

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]; Psalm 112:1-9 [10];
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]; and Matthew 5:13-20

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday February 1st, Fourth 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 February 8th, 2026, 5th Sunday after Epiphany

9:20 am—Choir Practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Coffee Hour after the Service

February Worship Services

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

	February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Sherry W	Shannon H	Ray W	Karen O
Lector	Lisa S	Twila R	Mary F	Sherry W
Usher	Jeff S & Tim H	Skip & Marcia E	Steve & LeAnn T	Glady K & Tim H
Communion	Candace O & Gladys K	Karen O	Candace O & Gladys K	Karen O
Tiny Tims	Daniel R	Karen O	Amanda M	Monica G
Video & Sound	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W
Counters	Ray W & Mary F	Tim H & Jeff S	Ray W & 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 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 **78 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 pantry services. We are shopping almost daily until we receive our next donations from PFP Feb 14th. Please consider joining us at Open Door to volunteer or at St. Timothy to put bags in church. Presently donations and shopping are appreciated including water, juice, soup, ramen, tuna chicken breast, pasta, rice, peanut butter, fruit, tomatoes, etc

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT 2026: Ash Wednesday is February 18th. Worship services will be at 11:30. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday services February 18th through March 25th. See the newsletter for other opportunities that might fit your schedule. More information about services will be made available in the coming weeks.

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

Our Centennial Community Association will meet on February 5th from 6 pm to 7:30 at St. Timothy. Please join us for updates on the Homeless shelter and Community center.