

**Sunday, March 1st, 2026  
Second Sunday of Lent  
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 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**    *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*                      St. Francis

...It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves  
that we receive, and in dying we are born to eternal life.

### 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

*Lift High the Cross*

ELW 660

**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, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(Please be seated)*

## Children's Message

### First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

L: The word of the LORD,

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

The Lord will not let your foot be moved  
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

**Behold, the keeper of Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

the Lord watches over you;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

**the sun will not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will preserve you from all evil  
and will keep your life.

**The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

## **Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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 3:1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the

teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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: *I Love to Tell the Story***

ELW 661

**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**

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*(A brief silence.)*

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages (like George Herbert whom the church remembers today), give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss Kristina, Christine, Deanna, Ron, Johann, Judy H, Al, Pastor Chuck, Ron, Marshall, Steve, Jaycee, River, Gabriel, and Marilyn. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere.

Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered.)*

Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. We especially pray for the family of Anthony Leist for comfort and peace. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **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: O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
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*                    ELW page 146b  
    *What Wondrous Love is This*                    ELW 666  
    *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*                    ELW 469

*(Please rise as you are able)*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving: (together)

**C: God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **Blessing:**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
† bless you now and always. **C: Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn:**

*Blessed Assurance*

ELW 638

### **Dismissal :**

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude:**

*It is Well with My Soul* ELW 785

## **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 Johann according to his needs.
- + For Judy H. for healing according to her needs.

### ***Daily Readings for March 2nd-March 7th:***

Monday: Hebrews 3:1-6

Tuesday: Isaiah 65:17-25

Wednesday: Psalm 128

Thursday: Exodus 17:1-7

Friday: Psalm 95

Saturday: Romans 5:1-11

### **Next Sunday, March 8th:**

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11;  
and John 4:5-42

**This Week at St. Timothy's**

**Today, Sunday March 1st, Second Sunday in Lent**

9:20 am—Choir practice  
10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

**Monday** 10am - 1pm Office & Pantry Hours

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**Wednesday** 10 am -1 pm Office & Pantry hours  
10 am -11:30 am Pastor Hamada's office hours  
11:30 am Midweek Lenten Service

**Thursday** 10 am -1 pm Office & Pantry hours

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

**Saturday**

**Sunday March 8th, Third Sunday in Lent**

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

March Worship Services					
If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.					
	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Yukio Hamada				
<b>Assistant</b>	Sherry W	Shannon H	Sherry W	Ray W	Sherry W
<b>Lector</b>	Lisa S	Twila R	Mary F	Sherry W	Lisa S
<b>Usher</b>	Steve & LeAnn T	Steve & LeAnn T	James G & Jayce	Skip & Marcia E	Jeff S & Tim H
<b>Communion</b>	Candace O	Karen O	Candace O	Karen O	Candace O
<b>Tiny Tims</b>	Daniel R	Briget D	Michelle G	Karen O	Amanda M
<b>Video &amp; Sound</b>	Ray W				
<b>Counters</b>	Tim H & Candace O	Ray W & Jeff S	Tim H & Shannon H	Ray W & Mary F	Tim H & Jeff S
<b>Music</b>	Gary S.				
<b>Care Coordinator</b>	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** or

**<https://www.youtube.com/@sttimothypdx/live>**

**FOOD PANTRY VISITS:** We served a total of **65 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. Although we have food from PFP there are certain items we are in need of including hot chocolate, water, other beverages and corn.

**LENT 2026:** Midweek Lenten Worship services are at 11:30am beginning with a potluck lunch and Bible study. Different service projects will follow. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday services February 18th through March 25th.

**HOLY WEEK DATES:** March 30th through April 4th. St. Timothy will host Maundy Thursday 6:30, Good Friday 6:30 and Easter Sunday service at 10 am. The annual Easter Jubilee will be on Easter following our celebration. Please invite friends and neighbors to worship with us and enjoy brunch and kids activities following the service.

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Please check your mailboxes. Reminder retreat on March 7th, 9am to 12pm.

**Council assignments:** Please see the bulletin board and consider talking to the council contact to help.