

**Sunday, March 29nd, 2026
Palm Sunday; the Passion
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 5 under Distribution. If you are joining us online, please consider liking, subscribing, and turning on notifications for our account. If you would like help with this, reach out to the office.

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

Announcements

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: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(As you are able, please stand, follow the procession of the cross, Joyfully wave palm fronds in the air as we sing)

Processional Hymn ***“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”***

ELW #344

(Please be seated)

The Seven Last Days

A Cantata by Joel Raney, Narration by Harry Parker

Prologue

Open the Gates of Jerusalem

Palm Sunday

Blessed are They

Monday

A House of Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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.

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.)

O God, you announce words of grace and truth. Give wisdom to all preachers in your church both globally and locally including Bishop Laurie and Pastor Yukio. Open our hearts to encounter the infinite life you offer in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

You hold the whole universe. Gather sun and moon, clouds and stars, land and sea, and plants and animals around the cross, so that all creation bears witness to your saving love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Your power is sure. Destroy inequity and division in every place, and build your beloved community among all people. Guide judges, attorneys, and juries so that they act with justice and fairness. Watch over conflicts in the world and protect both those who are in the military and civilians. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Your heart breaks open at our pain. Send healing and vindication to all who, like Jesus, know the sting of betrayal, denial, abuse, or false accusations. Be with those experiencing pain or loss this day especially Kristina, Christine, Deanna, Ron, Johann, Judy, Al, Pastor Chuck, Ron, Marshall, Steve, Jaycee, River, Clyde, and Sean. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

You give us every good thing. We thank you for artists and musicians who assist in our worship: Joel Raney and Harry Parker who wrote the Seven Last Days cantata, and our own musicians and readers today: Gary, Sherry, Shannon, Mary, Jeff, Ray, Twila, Lisa, and Pastor Yukio. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Your ways show compassion. Let this same mind be in us as we enter Holy Week. Bless those here who will lead worship and tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

O God, your embrace is eternal. Praise and thanks to you for Hans Niels and all the faithful departed who rest in your mercy. We especially pray for the family of Anthony Leist at his Celebration of Life this afternoon. Deliver us all from death's power and raise us to life in you. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **C: Amen.**

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***

Tuesday

I Surrender All

Wednesday

On the Night When He was Betrayed

Thursday

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.**

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 the family of Anthony Leist for comfort and peace.
- + 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 30th-April 4th

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-9

Tuesday: Psalm 71:1-14

Wednesday: John 13:21-32

Thursday: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10], 11-14

Friday: Acts 10:34-43

Saturday: Colossians 3:1-4

Next Sunday, April 5th:

Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
and Matthew 28:1-10

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday March 29th, Palm Sunday

9:20 am—Choir practice

10 am—Worship Service (Zoom available)

Monday 10am - 1pm Office & Pantry Hours

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10 am -11:30 am Pastor Hamada's office hours

11:30 am Midweek Lenten Service

Thursday 10 am -1 pm Office & Pantry hours

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Saturday

Sunday April 5th, Easter Sunday

9:20 am - Choir Practice

10 am - Worship Service/Contata

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
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Sherry W	Shannon H	Sherry W	Ray W	Karen O
Lector	Lisa S	Twila R	Mary F	Sherry W	Lisa S
Usher	Steve & LeAnn T	Steve & LeAnn T	James G & Jayce	Skip & Marcia E	Jeff S & Tim H
Communion	Candace O	Karen O	Candace O	Karen O	Candace O
Tiny Tims	Daniel R	Briget D	Michelle G	Karen O	Amanda M
Video & Sound	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W
Counters	Tim H & Candace O	Ray W & Jeff S	Tim H & Shannon H	Ray W & Mary F	Tim H & Jeff S
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 9 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 **53 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. We are experiencing need for shoppers again. Items needed include hot chocolate, water, snacks, beverages, ramen, cereal, soup, tuna, chicken, other protein, corn and personal hygiene including tampons.

HOLY WEEK DATES: . 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. Fliers are available to give to your friends and community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: At 10 am on the 4th of April we will be decorating the cross and preparing for the brunch (store bought only) and children's activities. All are welcome. Many hands make for completion of tasks more quickly. Please sign up for the brunch and to volunteer.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Expenditures for 2026 are exceeding contributions. Please review your commitment financially.

FIFTH SUNDAY: Donations for March are for Lutheran World Relief with focus on world hunger. Think of African countries, Gaza, etc.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be no regular Sunday School on March 29th (Palm Sunday and Contata) or Easter.