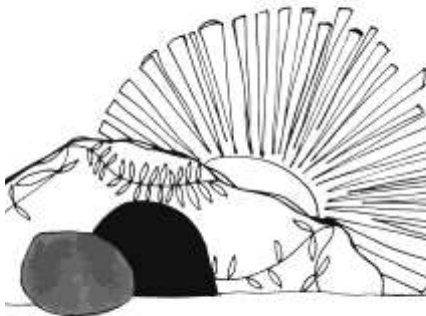


**Sunday, April 5th, 2026
Easter Sunday
St. Timothy Lutheran Church**



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. 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

Call to Worship

Good Christian Friends

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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: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through 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

Gathering Song

Lord of the Dance

youth lead verses

“Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance,” said He.
And I’ll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I’ll lead you all in the dance”, said He.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: The word of the LORD, **C:Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents
of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord;
here the righteous may enter."

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**By the Lord has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. 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 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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: *The Strife is O'er, The Battle Won* ELW 366

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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

(A brief silence.)

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Be with all nations and governments that are involved in conflicts and protect the populations that live there. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. We especially pray for the family of Pastor Don Tigges and Diane Bemrose who laid in forever peace on March 30th. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain especially Kristina, Christine, Deanna, Ron, Johann, Judy, Al, Pastor Chuck, Ron, Marshall, Steve, Jaycee, River, Clyde, Sean, and Shiela. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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*
 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
 By Your Hand You Feed Your People

ELW page 146b
ELW 367
ELW 469

(Please rise as you are able)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (together)

C: Holy One,

through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing:

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
† bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: *Jesus Christ Is Ris'n Today!*

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Dismissal :

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Amen! Alleluia!

Postlude:

We Know that Christ is Raised ELW 449

Please stay following worship for Easter brunch and children's activities.

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 Pastor Chuck with his declining health.
- + For Johann according to his needs.
- For Judy H. for healing according to her needs.
- For the family of Don Tigges at his death

Daily Readings for April 6th-April 11th

Monday: Colossians 3:5-11

Tuesday: Joshua 3:1-7

Wednesday: Judges 9:7-15

Thursday: Acts 2:147a, 22-23

Friday: Psalm 16

Saturday: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Next Sunday, April 12th:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9;
and John 20:19-31

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday April 5th Easter Sunday

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

Monday 10am - 1pm Office & Pantry Hours
Tuesday 10am - 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 PORTLAND FOOD PROJECT PICKUP
Sunday April 12th, Second Sunday of Easter
 9:20 am - Choir Practice
 10 am - Worship Service/Contata
 Coffee Hour after the Service

| April Worship Services | | | | | |
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| If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place. | | | | | |
| | April 5 | April 12 | April 19 | April 26 | May 3 |
| Preacher | Pastor Yukio Hamada | Pastor Yukio Hamada | Pastor Yukio Hamada | Pastor Yukio Hamada | Pastor Yukio Hamada |
| Assistant | Karen O | Sherry W | Ray W | Karen O | Sherry W |
| Lector | Mary F | Sherry W | Lisa S | Cathy H | Mary F |
| Usher | Skip & Marcia E | Allen P & Tim H | Steve & LeAnn T | Jeff S & Tim H | Skip & Marcia E |
| Communion | Candace & Marie R | Karen O | Candace & Marie R | Cathy H | Karen O & Gladys K |
| Tiny Tims | | | | | |
| Video & Sound | Ray W | Ray W | Ray W | Ray W | Ray W |
| Counters | Ray W & Jeff S | Tim H & Candace O | Ray W & Mary F | Tim H & Candace O | Ray W & 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 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 **70 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, and corn. We will be receiving our donations from PFP on April 11th. Please consider coming to Open Bible at 9:30 to volunteer or come to St Tims to unload food at about 12 noon. This will be a blessing for us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be no regular Sunday School on Easter. There will be special activities for youth following worship today. Please stay to join us for fellowship!

PORTLAND FOOD PROJECT: Our pickup for food from the Portland Food Project is scheduled for April 11th. Please mark your calendars and join us. No experience or skill necessary!

CHURCH COUNCIL: Next meeting is April 14th at 6:30.