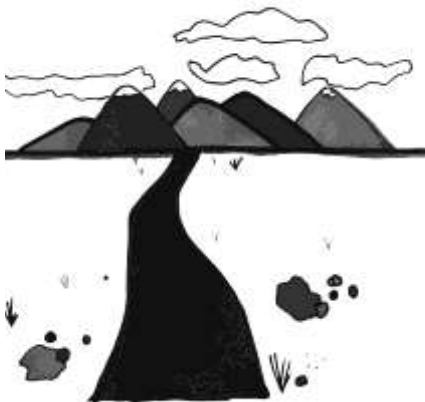


**Sunday, May 3rd, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter
St. Timothy Lutheran Church**



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 *Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone* ELW 779

My chains are gone; I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me,
And like a flood His mercy rains. unending love, amazing grace

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Thanksgiving, Confession and Forgiveness

(Please rise as you are able)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb! **C: Amen.**

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, +Jesus who bears the cross, the
Spirit who makes our joy complete. **C:Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us
from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we
may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Je-
sus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Song *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* ELW 645
(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. L: The word of the LORD,

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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 14:1-14

Jesus said to the disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it." 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: Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds ELW 367

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.)

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick especially Katey, Kristina, Shiela, Marcia S, Christine, Deanna, Ron, Johann, Judy, Al, Pastor Chuck, Ron, Marshall, Steve, Jaycee, River, Clyde, and Sean. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. 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*
 I Received the Living God
 By Your Hand You Feed Your People

ELW page 146b
ELW 477
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: *Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen*

ELW 377

Dismissal :

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

C: Thanks be to God. Amen! Alleluia!

Postlude:

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing! ELW 389

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 May 4th-May 9th

Monday: Exodus 13:17-22

Tuesday: Hebrews Proverbs 3:5-12

Wednesday: John 8:31-38

Thursday: Acts 17:22-31

Friday: Psalm 66:8-20

Saturday: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Next Sunday, May 10th:

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22;
and John 14:15-21

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday May 3rd Easter 5

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

Thursday 10 am -1 pm Office & Pantry hours

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Saturday

Sunday May 10th, Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:20 am - Choir Practice

10 am - Worship Service

Coffee Hour after the Service

May Worship Services					
If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.					
	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Sherry W	Ray W	Karen O	Sherry W	Ray W
Lector	Mary F	Sherry W	Lisa S	Cathy H	Mary F
Usher	Skip & Marcia E	Steve & LeAnn T	Gladys K & Tim H	Allen P & Jeff S	Skip & Marcia E
Communion	Karen O & Gladys K	Candace & Marie R	Cathy H	Karen O & Gladys K	Cathy H
Tiny Tims	Daniel R	Amanda M	Monica G	Briget D	Michelle G
Video & Sound	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W
Counters	Ray W & Jeff S	Candace O & Mary F	Tim H & Jeff S	Ray W & Mary F	Tim H & Candace O
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: Again this week at our food pantry we were able to serve dozens of individuals and families. Please continue to pray for our food bank; for volunteers and for those who are in need of food pantry services. Needs this week are for fruit, personal items, water, and cereal.

MEETINGS DURING COFFEE HOUR:

May 3rd Fellowship Committee

MEMORIAL SERVICE: For Diane Bemrose will be held on May 9th at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. All are welcome. In lieu of gifts, the family has asked for donations to SnowCap in Diane's name. For more information please reach out to Jasmine in the office.

TREASURERS UPDATE: We continue to not meet our anticipated monthly budget. Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship to the ministries of St. Timothy. Year to date income is \$27,850 and Expenses \$37,077.

OFFICE HOURS: Jasmine will be out of the office this week for a procedure. If you need office assistance, please reach out to office volunteers during Food Pantry hours.