

**Sunday, May 10th, 2026  
Sixth 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

### *Spirit of the Living God*

fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

### Announcements

### Opening Prayer

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*(Please rise as you are able)*

**P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.  
We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy  
Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**C: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your for-  
giveness, grace, and love.**

**To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.**

**Pastoral Greeting:  
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whose mercy endures forever. C: Amen.**

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**Prayer of the Day** (*together*)

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Gathering Song**  
(*Please be seated*)

***Come Thou Almighty King***

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**First Reading: Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

### **Psalm 66:8-20**

Bless our God, you peoples;  
let the sound of praise be heard.

**Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**You brought us into the net;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**I will enter your house with burnt offerings  
and will pay you my vows—**

those that I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**

Come and listen, all you who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

**I called out to God with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

If I had cherished evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;

**but in truth God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

## **Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. 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 14:15-21**

Jesus said to the disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **SERMON**

*(Please rise as you are able)*

**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 new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations especially as local, state and federal governments consider their budgets.

Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick especially Barb, Katey, Kristina, Shiela, Marcia S, Christine, Deanna, Ron, Johann, Judy, Al, Pastor Chuck, Ron, Marshall, Steve, Jaycee, River, Clyde and Sean, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill same list including yourself. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. We especially pray for the family of Diane Bemrose. 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.**

**HOLY BAPTISM** *(Please see insert)*

*(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  
Come My Way, My Truth, My Light  
By Your Hand You Feed Your People***

ELW page 146b  
ELW 816  
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.**



## **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 11th - May 16th***

Monday: Genesis 9:8-17

Tuesday: Psalm 93

Wednesday: John 16:16-24

Thursday: Acts 1:6-14

Friday: Luke 6:12-16

Saturday: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

### **Next Sunday, May 17th:**

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11;  
and John 17:1-11

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

**Today, Sunday May 10th Easter 6**

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**  
**Sunday May 17th, Seventh Sunday of Easter**

9:20 am - Choir Practice  
 10 am - Worship Service  
 Coffee Hour after the Service

April Worship Services					
If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.					
	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31	June 7
<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
<b>Assistant</b>	Sherry W	Karen O	Sherry W	Ray W	Karen O
<b>Lector</b>	Sherry W	Lisa S	Cathy H	Mary F	Sherry W
<b>Usher</b>	Steve and Leann T	Gladys & Jeff S	Allen P & Tim H	Skip & Marcia E	Steve & Leann T
<b>Communion</b>	Candace & Marie R	Karen O	Cathy H	Cathy H	Candace O & Marie R
<b>Tiny Tims</b>	Amanda M	Monica G	Bridget D	Michelle G	Daniel R
<b>Video &amp; Sound</b>	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W
<b>Counters</b>	Candace O & Mary F	Ray W & Jeff S	Tim H & Mary F	Tim H & Candace O	Ray W & Mary F
<b>Music</b>	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.	Gary S.
<b>Care Coordinator</b>	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:**

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

**FOOD PANTRY VISITS** Please continue to pray for our food bank. On the first week of the month we served an amazing number of folks--85. Needs this week are for all items except water.

**SOLV** May 16th is our SOLV event for the spring. Please mark your calendar and plan to invite our neighbors to participate. From 10 am to 12. Also a reminder that we have spring work parties every Sat at 9 am.

**Church Council** meets on May 12th at 6:30. All are welcome.

**Cultivate Initiatives** event at Rest Village Menlo Park is from 5-8 on the 22nd. Come enjoy and support them

**Gresham Community Choir** will perform Spring Gospel Revival on June 7th at 3 pm at Reynold's High School, 1690 SW Northstar Loop, Troutdale. Admission is cans of food.

**CELEBRATING BAPTISMS:** St. Timothy Lutheran Church celebrates our siblings in Christ today, and all days, as we celebrate together the gift of baptism! ***Welcome; Xavier, Simmie and Emory.***