

**Sunday, May 17th, 2026
Seventh 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, Now Live in Me

B. Leech

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.**

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

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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C:Amen.**

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: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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

God Is Here!

ELW 526

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name;
exalt the one who rides the clouds;
I Am is that name, rejoice before God!**

In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

**you give the solitary a home
and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

**Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for

you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. 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 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words to his disciples, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW 712

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.

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.)

Gracious God, your Son Jesus ascended to fill all time and space and is present with all people. By your Holy Spirit, lead your church and its leaders in faith, hope, and love, and in sharing the presence of Christ.

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

Majestic God, your Son Jesus entrusts his ministry to his followers to care for all you have created. Instill in us a commitment to sustainable ecological practices. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus sits at your right hand and rules the cosmos. Inspire politicians to lead with equity and fairness, raise up advocates and activists for those seeking justice, and cultivate peace throughout the world. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, your Son Jesus carries with him the scars of suffering as our wounded healer. Guide with your wisdom the work of surgeons,

pharmacists, midwives, and all medical specialists. Bring your healing touch to all who are sick especially Barb, Shiela, Marcia S, Christine, Deanna, Ron, Johann, Judy Al, Pastor Chuck, Ron, Marshall, Steve, Jaycee, Rive, Clyde, and Sean. Shelter any who are unhoused and feed those undernourished Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

Caring God, your Son Jesus reveals the depths of your love and gathers all people to himself. Accompany us in our work and play to make your presence known in all that we do. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

Life-giving God, by his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus destroyed death forever. With thanksgiving we remember those who rest from the labors, assured of your promise of everlasting life.

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** ELW page 146b
Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether ELW 470
By Your Hand You Feed Your People 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:

I Come with Joy

ELW 482

Dismissal :

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

C: Thanks be to God. Amen! Alleluia!

Postlude:

Be Thou My Vision ELW 793

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.

Daily Readings for May 18th - May 23rd

Monday: Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24

Tuesday: 1 Peter 4:7-11

Wednesday: Psalm 99

Thursday: Acts 2:1-11

Friday: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Saturday: John 7:37-39

Next Sunday, May 24th:

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13;
and John 20:19-23

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday May 17th Easter 7

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 24th, Day of Pentecost

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
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Sherry W	Karen O	Sherry W	Ray W	Karen O
Lector	Sherry W	Lisa S	Cathy H	Mary F	Sherry W
Usher	Steve and Leann T	Gladys & Jeff S	Allen P & Tim H	Skip & Marcia E	Steve & Leann T
Communion	Candace & Marie R	Karen O	Cathy H	Cathy H	Candace O & Marie R
Tiny Tims	Amanda M	Monica G	Bridget D	Michelle G	Daniel R
Video & Sound	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W	Ray W
Counters	Candace O & Mary F	Ray W & Jeff S	Tim H & Mary F	Tim H & Candace O	Ray W & Mary F
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:

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

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: Please continue to pray for our food bank. This week we served **77 people** including several new people. Needs this week are for all items. Please consider reaching out to neighbors and friends for additional donations. As the school year comes to an end, the need at our food pantry will increase.

CULTIVATE INITIATIVES: is hosting an event at Menlo Park Safe Rest Village, 12202 E Burnside from 5:00pm-8:00pm on May 22nd. Come enjoy and support them. Testimony at the county budget hearings re: proposed cuts are heart wrenching--so many incredible journeys. St. Timothy will be using their beautification team to clean up the blackberries the week of the 18th. Dumpsters will be provided.

GRESHAM COMMUNITY CHOIR: will perform *Spring Gospel Revival* on June 7th at 3:00pm at Reynolds High School, located at 1690 SW Northstar Loop in Troutdale. Admission is canned food donations which will go to support East County Food Pantry. We also will be having our dress rehearsal at Anthem Church 1415 NE 223rd, Fairview at 7 pm. Friends are welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: On May 31st following worship we will have a meeting to discuss building maintenance plans and funding.

DON'T FORGET YOUR RED: Next Sunday we celebrate Pentecost! Please wear your most red reds - and have fun with it! Pentecost is a *celebration!*

BUDGET UPDATE: Expenditures for 2026 through April are \$48,432. Giving is slightly less with deficit of \$6464. Please prayerfully consider additional giving as you are able.