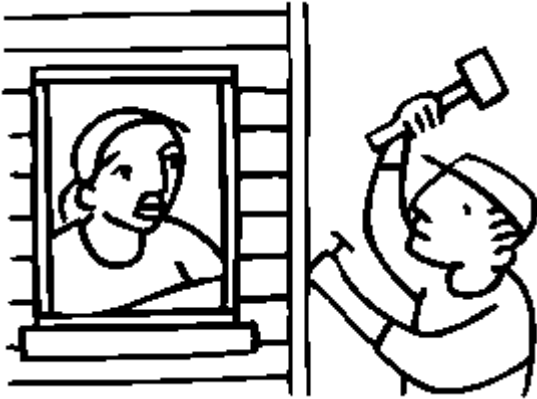


**Sunday, October 25th, 2026
Reformation Sunday
St. Timothy Lutheran Church**



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

Soli Deo Gloria
Only God is glorious.

ELW 878

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Thanksgiving, Confession and Forgiveness

(Please rise as you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose compassion endures forever. **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. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day *(together)*

**C: O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By
your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all
our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Message

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

"The days are coming," declares the Lord,
"when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.
It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,"
declares the Lord.

"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time," declares the Lord.

"I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.
No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,"
declares the Lord.

"For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."

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

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

God is within her, she will not fall;

God will help her at break of day.

**Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

The Lord Almighty is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease

to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields[d] with fire.

**He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."**

The Lord Almighty is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

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 8:31-36

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.** (*Please be seated*)

SERMON - Pastor Delois Andrews

Hymn of the Day: *Jesus Paid It All*



1. I___ hear the Sa - vior say, "Thy stength in - deed is small,
2. Lord, now in - deed I find Thy pow'r and Thine a - lone,
3. For_ noth - ing good have I Where - by Thy grace to claim;
4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in Him com - plete,



Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."
Can_ change the le - per's spots And_ melt the heart of stone.
I'll___ wash my gar - ments white In the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
"Je - sus died my soul to save," My___ lips shall still re - peat.

Refrain



Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a



crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

(A brief silence.)

Gracious God, as we remember the Reformation, we thank you for all those who have worked to hold the church accountable to its mission. Protect them as they speak truth to power. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the beauty of the world's islands, coastlines, and low-lying places. Keep them and their inhabitants safe from harm. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

We thank you for the diversity of humankind, made in your image. We pray for the future of endangered languages and cultures. Preserve them to show forth your glory. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing of all who are sick or injured, especially those who cannot access medical care. We remember those whom we love who are suffering or in pain especially Kristina, Christine, Katie, Sylvia, Mary F, Lee, Gabriel, Sandy, Deanne, Ron, Judy, Al, Pastor Chuck, Marshall, Steve, Doug, Barb V, Heather, and Greta. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for retired clergy and their families, honoring their faithful service to your church. Bless them as they find new ways to live into their vocation. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**
(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

We thank you for all the faithful departed who taught us to love God and our neighbor. By their example, help us to seek after you with heart, soul, and mind. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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,
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: *That Priceless Grace*
 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word
 How Great Thou Art

ELW 591
ELW 517
ELW 856

(Please rise as you are able)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (together)

C: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing:

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

The God of grace † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

Dismissal :

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

Rise, Shine, Ye People ELW 665

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 and food.
- 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 East Multnomah County.
- For Kristina Heitmann in her ongoing health concerns.
- For Pastor Chuck with his declining health.

Daily Readings for October 26th-31st

Monday: Matthew 22:34-46

Tuesday: James 2:14-26

Wednesday: 1 John 4:1-6

Thursday: Revelation 7:9-17

Friday: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Saturday: 1 John 3:1-3

Next Sunday, November 1st:

Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3;
and Matthew 5:1-12

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday October 25th, Pentecost 22

9:20am Choir practice

10 am Worship Service

Monday 10am - 1pm Office & Pantry Hours

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Thursday 10 am -1 pm Office & Pantry hours
(No 7-8:30 choir meeting. Next on Nov 12)

Friday 10 am -1 pm Office Hours

Saturday

Sunday November 1, All Saints Day

9:20am Choir practice

10 am Worship Service

OCTOBER Worship Services

If you are unable to make your scheduled Sunday, please contact another person to take your place.

	October 4th	October 11th	October 18th	October 25th	November 1st
Preacher	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Yukio Hamada	Pastor Curtis Zieske	Pastor Delois Andrews	Pastor Yukio Hamada
Assistant	Ray W	Sherry W	Karen O	Ray W	Karen O
Lector	Lisa S	Cathy H	Sherry W	Cathy H	Lisa S
Usher	Tim H & Allen P	Marcia & Skip E	LeAnn & Steve T	Gladys K & Tim H	Jeff S & Allen P
Communion Set Up	Gladys K	Karen O and Gladys	Cathy Henderson	Candace and Marie	Karen O & Gladys
Table Assistant	Ray W	Karen O	Sherry W	Karen O	Gladys
Tiny Tims	Daniel R	Monica G	Bridgett D	Michelle G	Amanda M
Video & Sound	Ray W and James G	Ray W and James G	Ray W and James G	Ray W and James G	Ray W and James G
Counters	Ray W & Tim H	Candace O & Tim H	Ray W & Candace O	Ray W & Tim H	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 8 under Distribution.

WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE on Sundays at 10 am at:

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

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: We had 95 visitors this week. Amazingly our shelves are nearly empty in 2 weeks! Therefore we need help shopping again for fruit, coffee/hot chocolate, water, TP, soup, ramen, rice, pasta, cereal, and anything else you have in your cupboard.

We have scheduled a community donation on Nov 7th with neighbors on 144th. Help is needed next week to drop off bags. Planned pickup is at homes or drop off on the 7th from 10-1. Please see Sherry if you can help in this effort to engage our neighbors in helping.

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor Yukio continues to lead Bible study on zoom at 6:45pm on Wednesdays.

CHURCH PROPERTY NEEDS: We continue to collect funds for future property needs in designated paper banks or donations on Sunday. Check out the thermometer to see what has been donated.

CAPACITY DISCERNMENT COHORT: St Timothy has joined other churches in this 9 month program to help us discern what the future of St. Timothy looks like. Ray Whitford is our lead person and would be glad to discuss this with any members with questions.

WELLNESS BAGS ASSEMBLY: We will be assembling bags including toothbrushes, sanitizer, socks, etc on Nov 1 during coffee hour.

COATS FOR KIDS: We are collecting new coats and funds on the 5th Sunday in November for this program. Cheryl and Sherry have ordered from Costco. Cheryl is willing to store coats at her home. Elementary kids you can shop any size or color. Larger sizes for middle and high school prefer black/dark colors. **Questions?** Contact Sherry W for more information.