Sunday, November 8, 2026
Twenty Fourth Sunday in Pentecost
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 ***Deep River***

My home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground.

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 God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gathering Song ***Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*** ELW 244
(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24
Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever,
"Great is the Lord!"
But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the

foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." 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:*Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* ELW 389

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
United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.
(A brief silence.)

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us.
God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**
You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home.
God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**
You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**
You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. We especially pray for Kristina, Christine, Katie, Sylvia, Mary F, Lee, Gabriel, Sandy, Rose, Deanne, Ron, Judy, Al, Pastor Chuck, Marshall, Steve, Doug, Barb V, Tanya and Greta. God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness.
God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Almighty and Gracious God! We pray for the congregations walking with St. Timothy in our common quest to discern God's leading about the future of our ministries. O Holy Spirit, lead us and open our eyes and ears to the journey ahead. We pray for our sister minis-

tries:
Pilgrim Lutheran in Portland, Junction City United Methodist Church in Junction City, Springfield Lutheran Church in Springfield, Faith Lutheran Church & St. George's Episcopal Church in Roseburg. God, in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

(*here other intercessions may be offered.)*
As we celebrate Veteran's Day this week please watch over those who have served and military members who are serving now for the United States God, in your mercy. **C: hear our prayer**

We offer special prayers and blessings to Derek and Kay on their wedding day November 14th. Bless their love and partnership. Pray for the entire Henderson family on this joyous event.
God, in your mercy. **C: hear our prayer.**

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy. **C: hear our prayer.**

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors . Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **C: Amen.**

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: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: ***Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*** ELW 488
When Peace, like a River ELW 785
Blessed Assurance ELW 638

(Please rise as you are able)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (together)

C: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing:

The holy Trinity,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn:*Oh When the Saints Go Marching In*

Oh When the Saints Go Marching In
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.

"Oh, when the sun refused to shine...
"Oh, when they crown Him Lord of all...
"Oh, when the saints go marching in...

Dismissal :

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Postlude: *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* ELW 436

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 especially with the change in weather.
- 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 November 9 - 14

Monday: 1 Psalm 63
Tuesday: Joel 1:1-14
Wednesday: Matthew 24:39-35
Thursday: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Friday: Psalm 90:1-8[9-11]12
Saturday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Next Sunday, November 15th:

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8[9-11]12;
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; and Matthew 25:14-30

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday November 15th

9:20-9:40 am Choir practice
10 am Worship Service

Monday 10am - 1pm Office & Pantry Hours
Tuesday 10am - 1 pm Office & Pantry hours
Wednesday Closed for Veteran's Day
Thursday 10 am -1 pm Office & Pantry hours
7-8:30 choir meeting. Nov 12 & 19
Friday 10 am -1 pm Office Hours
Saturday

Sunday November 15, 25th Sunday of Pentecost

9:20am Choir practice
10 am Worship Service

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

	November 1st	November 8th	November 15th	November 22nd	November 29
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	Lisa S	Cathy H	Sherry W	Cathy H	Lisa S
Usher	Jeff S & Allen P	Tim H & Gladys K	Marcia & Skip E	Jeff S & Allen P	LeAnn & Steve T
Communion Set Up	Karen O & Gladys K	Cathy H	Candace & Marie R	Cathy H	Karen O & Gladys K
Table Assistant	Gladys K	Karen O	Gladys K	Sherry W	Gladys K
Tiny Tims	Amanda M	Daniel R	Monica G	Bridgett D	Michelle G
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	Tim H & Jeff S	Ray W & Candace O	Ray W & Jeff S	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:
https://www.youtube.com/@sttimothypdx/live

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: We had 83 visitors this week, several new people. Shelves continue to empty out. 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. Pantry will be closed on Nov 11th for Veteran's Day. We also are planning a community donation on Nov 7th on 144th. We dropped off bags to 144th neighbors on Oct. 29th. 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.

COFFEE HOUR: Today is the pie social. Contribute pies and visit.

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 months program to help discern our future. Ray Whitford is our lead person and would be glad to discuss this with any members with questions.

WELLNESS BAGS are available to take in your cars to distribute to our unhoused neighbors.

COATS FOR KIDS: We are collecting new coats and funds for 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.

Education Committee is not meeting today.

Worship Committee meets on the 13th.

Church Council meets on 10th at 5:30.