Sunday, November 15, 2026
Twenty Fifth 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 10 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 ***Steal Away to Jesus***
Steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.

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: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gathering Song ***Christ, Be Our Light*** ELW 715
(Please be seated)

Children's Message

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

Psalm 90:1-8[9-11]12

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past and like a watch in the night;
you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.

Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. 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 25:14-30

Jesus said to the disciples: “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "
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: ***Spirit of Gentleness*** ELW 396

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 build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species.
God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine Ukraine, Gaza, Iran, Sudan and so many more. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite.
God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing Kristina, Christine, Katie, Sylvia, Mary, Lee, Gabriel, Sandy, Rose, Deanne, Ron, Judy, Al, Pastor Chuck, Marshall, Steve, Doug, Barb, Tanya, Fred, and Greta, We also lift up Katie, Karen O's family as they welcome a new baby.
God, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, property teams, Education teams, Social Concerns, and Health Ministry. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. 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 ministries:

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.)*
The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. 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: ***Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*** ELW 632
Lord of Light ELW 688
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631
(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: ***On Jordans' Stormy Bank I Stand*** ELW 437

Dismissal :

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

Postlude: *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* ELW 890

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 16 - 21

Monday: Psalm 9:1-14
Tuesday: Zechariah 2:1-5; 5:1-4
Wednesday: Matthew 24:45-51
Thursday: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Friday: Psalm 95:1-7a
Saturday: Ephesians 1:15-23

Next Sunday, November 22nd:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; and Matthew 25:31-46

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
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Thursday 10 am -1 pm Office & Pantry Hours
7-8:30 choir meeting.
Friday 10 am -1 pm Office Hours
Saturday

Sunday November 22, 26th 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.

The rest of the story

Jonah 3:10—4:11

Remember the prophet Jonah? He's the guy who ran away from God, got swallowed by a really big fish, and lived in its belly for 3 days before finally getting spit out on dry land. What happened after that? Where did Jonah go, and what did he do? Listen to the story as it is read, then solve the puzzle below to find out!

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The people _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ the _ _ _ _.

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_ _ _ _ _ left _ _ _ _ _ _ _.

 

_ _ _ sent _ _ _ _ _ a _ _ _ _ for _ _ _ _ _.

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The next day was _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _, and a _ _ _ _ ate the

  

_ _ _ _.



Jonah was _ _ _ and frustrated.



_ _ _ said: "Don't worry _ _ _ _ _!





I will always take _ _ _ _ of you.



I _ _ _ _ you. I _ _ _ _ all people."





Now you know the rest of the story. God loves us all!



Talk together about your favorite Bible stories.

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 10 under Distribution.

WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE on Sundays at 10 am at:
https://www.youtube.com/@sttimothypdx/live

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: We had 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. Our neighborhood pickup on the 7th brought 2 bags and a drop off on Monday. We plan to try again in January. PFP pick up is Dec 12th

COFFEE HOUR: Coffee and discussion --no food. Evangelism meeting during coffee. Next Sunday we celebrate a very special member's birth-day. Please join us on the 22nd. We continue to need an assist with set up and clean up.

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.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY MEAL: Pilgrim is once again hosting a community dinner on November 25th. If you can help with contribution of foods please sign up as you leave or come down for coffee.