Sunday, November 29, 2026
1st Sunday in Advent
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 ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning***

Sisters, don't grow weary. Brothers, don't grow weary;
Children, don't grow weary, for the time is drawing nigh.

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: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

Children's Message

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,

and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.
L: The word of the LORD, **C:Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
O Lord God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn a-way from you;
give us life, that we may call up-on your name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. L: The word of the LORD. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.)

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said: "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."
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: ***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*** ELW 254

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
In hope and expectation, we bring to God our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.
(A brief silence.)

Strengthen your church in this season of anticipation. Nourish all people who gather around word and water, bread and cup. Reassure any whose faith feels dry that you are always near.
God, in your mercy, **C: receive our prayer.**

Come and restore the earth. Give rest to weary lands and renewed life to species at risk. Make us wise stewards of the places we call home.
God, in your mercy, **C: receive our prayer.**

Bring peace among all nations and communities. Embolden leaders to seek creative and sustainable resolutions to war and conflict. Show us new possibilities in places where peace has been elusive especially Ukraine, Iran, Gaza, and all others.
God, in your mercy, **C: receive our prayer.**

Sustain all who are heavy with weariness, grief, illness, or worry especially Kristina, Christine Katie, Sylvia, Mary, Lee, Gabriel, Sandy, Deanne, Ron, Judy Al Pastor Chuck, Marshall, Steve, Doug, Barb, Tanya, Fred, Greta, and Dorian. Comfort families who are estranged from one another and any who are separated from loved ones.
God, in your mercy, **C: receive our prayer.**

Inspire liturgists, preachers, musicians, and all who lead our worship and prayer. May we be prepared as we await Christ's coming this Advent season. God, in your mercy, **C: receive 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.)
You embrace all the saints from the far reaches of the earth.
We remember with care all who have died and now abide in their eternal home. We especially pray for comfort and peace in the death of Herb Bartling, father of Lisa Sanders; Joann Larson's family ,Glades Kandel's sister-in-law; William Hyer, coworker of Karen Ropar; and Christy Weed, in the death of her partner, Robert.
God, in your mercy, **C: receive our prayer.**

We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, most holy God, in the name of Christ Jesus our Savior. **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: Holy Creator, we are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Receive these gifts shape them and our lives for your purpose, through Jesus Christ our 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: ***Come Now, O Prince of Peace*** ELW 247
Jesus, Still Lead On ELW 624

Jesus, Name Above All Names
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord,
Immanuel, God is with Us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Our God is an Awesome God!
He reigns from Heav'n above with wisdom, power and love.
Our God is an Awesome God!

(Please rise as you are able)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: (together)

C: Providing God, you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms. We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always. As we leave your able, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing:

God our provider, God our feast,

God our companion, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: ***Soon and Very Soon*** ELW 439

Dismissal :

P: Go in peace. Bring good news to the brokenhearted.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Postlude: *Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn* ELW 242

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 30-December 5

Monday: Romans 10:10-18
Tuesday: Psalm 79
Wednesday: Luke 21:34-38
Thursday: Isaiah 40:1-11
Friday: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Saturday: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Next Sunday, December 6th:

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13' 2 Peter 3:8-15a; and Mark 1:1-8

This Week at St. Timothy's

Today, Sunday November 29th

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

Monday 10am - 1pm Office & Pantry Hours
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Thursday 10am - 1pm Office & Pantry Hours
Next Thursday choir 7pm-8:30 is December 10
Friday 10 am -1 pm Office Hours
Saturday

Sunday December 6th 2nd Sunday of Advent

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 10 under Distribution.

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

FOOD PANTRY VISITS: We had **80** visitors this short week. I think we had a record on Monday of 39. 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. Next PU for PFP is December 12th. Volunteers needed at Open Door and St. Tims.

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. Give to people in the parking lots at stores, rest stops , and on the road way.

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 storing coats at her home. Elementary kids you can shop any size or color. Larger sizes for middle and high school prefer black/dark colors. We will be having a pick up next week from Centennial --sizes needed kids 10/12 and 14/16 and adults M, L, XL.

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Live Nativity December 4th 6:30, 7, and 7:30

David Douglas Craft Fair December 5th at David Douglas High School-- ST has a booth by Lisa Sanders

Gresham Community Choir December 6th 3 pm at Reynolds High School. Bring canned food for admission.