

This Week at St. Timothy

November 12, 2023

Sunday 11/12	Worship Service Grace Café Sunday School New Members presented to congregation	8:30AM &11:00AM 9:30 AM 10:00AM 8:30AM &11:00AM
Monday 11/13	Office Closed	
Tuesday 11/14	Staff Meeting Quilting Group	9:30AM 1:00PM
Wednesday 11/15	Centering Prayer Confirmation Class Mission Board Meeting Co-op Bible Study	12:00PM 5:30PM 6:45PM 7:00PM
Thursday 11/16	Men In Mission Bible Study Sarah's Tent Pastor's Bible Study Bell Choir Sanctuary Choir Praise Team	7:00AM 10:30AM 12:30PM 4:30PM 5:30PM 6:30PM
Friday 11/17	Office Closed Al-Anon	8:00PM
Saturday 11/18	Worship Service Pledge Weekend	5:00PM
Sunday 11/19	Worship Service Grace Café Sunday School Pledge Sunday	8:30AM &11:00AM 9:30AM 10:00AM

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November 11-12, 2023
24th Sunday after Pentecost

OUR MISSION
A caring church sharing Jesus Christ with the world by offering help, hope and home.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

The Disciples of St. Timothy Lutheran Church extend a special welcome to our guests and invite you to share with us in our ministry, our mission, our fellowship and our growth! If you are a visitor, please notice the Welcome cards in the pews. Please fill out the back of the card and place in the offering plate or give to an usher.

FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Please speak with the ushers if you have any special needs. Specialized hearing devices are available upon request. Holy Communion will be shared in the pew upon request with an usher, if you are unable to go to the altar area.

NURSERY & RESTROOMS

If you are in need of nursery facilities, please ask an usher (parental supervision required). All restrooms are located in the atrium area.

HOLY COMMUNION

You may come forward during this time to receive Holy Communion (at direction of the ushers) if you are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, our Savior, is truly present in the bread and wine you are about to receive. You may receive Communion by receiving the wafer (gluten free upon request) in your hand and receiving an individual cup of wine (or grape juice). If someone in your family has not yet received communion and would like to, please contact the pastor. If you only want a blessing, come forward with your arms across your chest. May God bless us with forgiveness, strength and love as we share in this precious moment with our Lord!

PRELUDE My Lord, What a Morning ELW 438

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.
Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.



Boxes of Love are back!

Each box is an opportunity to provide a gift for Christmas to a child in the Dade City area. Please feel free to take a plastic box (or 2!) from the table in the Narthex. There is a sheet of instructions inside as well as a label for you to place on top indicating the age of the boy or girl you choose to purchase for. **All boxes need to be returned to the Narthex no later than November 30th.** These boxes will be given to the farmworker community at Resurrection House in Dade City, and it is often the only Christmas gift many of these kids will receive. Resurrection House is a wonderful and faith-filled church offering food, clothing, and many other supports to families in need. All members of St. Timothy are welcome to join us take the Boxes of Love to Resurrection House on Sunday, December 3. We will receive a tour by Pastor Bruce Edwards and learn the many ways Resurrection House offers hope led by the Holy Spirit. We will meet at St. Timothy at 1:00 p.m. and carpooling is encouraged. Please mark your calendars to join us!

Florida Dream Center—Adopt a Block
Did you know that St. Timothy folks can volunteer to help this organization the 3rd week of each month? If interested, please call the office at 727-937-3503.



*The altar flowers, communion wine
and eternal light are given by
Larry and Carolyn Gilliam
in honor our 54th
Wedding Anniversary*



*Elinor Barnes
Sandra DePoi
Robert Harding
Sheree Harding
Billy Howard
Theresa Howard
Andrew Howe
Mildred Hunter
Steve Johnson
Tonja Maple
Mike Mauzy
Sherrie Mauzy
Katie Palmer
Clarence Rolsin
Christine Sproule
Joseph Sproule*

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through † Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand ELW 441

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now The Feast and Celebration ELW 167

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

PSALM Psalm 70

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (on screen)

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, We That Love The Lord ELW 625

SERMON

APOSTLES CREED

THE PRAYERS

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

THE PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

Lectionary Study with Pastor Curt Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.

This is a study on the weekly scriptures to prepare us for worship the upcoming Sunday. Bring your questions, curiosity and an open heart to come and take a deeper look at the scriptures of our weekly lectionary. In person or on Zoom.

ALL ARE WELCOME

*Stewardship
Pledge Weekend
November 18-19, 2023*

2024 Pledge Commitment



FLOURISH IN FAITH

You can't outgive God!

Mon Psalm 63 Amos 8:7-14 1 Corinthians 14:20-25	Thurs Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 Ezekiel 6:1-14 Revelation 16:1-7
Tue Psalm 63 Joel 1:1-14 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Fri Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 Ezekiel 7:1-9 Revelation 16:8-21
Wed Psalm 63 Joel 3:9-21 Matthew 24:29-35	Sat Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 Ezekiel 7:10-27 Matthew 12:43-45



Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer! Psalm 4:1

Family of Luther Johnson
Family of Bianca Siquieria
Bev Makovec
Chasity
Debbie Benefield
Greg Grega
Gregg Weaver
Judy Thomas

Karen Wilcox
Melanie Newberg
Mrs. Rob Bass
Nicole Forth Godison
Roberto Ramos
Sara Rooney
Suzette
Tom Hill



When money rules, we remember the price of things and forget the value of things and that is dangerous.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks—philosopher, theologian, author

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living, for our own convenience and comfort. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day (especially). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you (especially). Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC Keep Your Eyes on the Prize

OFFERTORY

As the Grains of Wheat ELW 465

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(on screen)*

SANCTUS

You are Holy ELW 525

THE LORD'S PRAYER Page 154

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD *(on screen)*

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise and Thanksgiving ELW 689
Blessed Assurance ELW 638

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved
children, and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way. Amen.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION

Praise to You, O God of Mercy ELW 208

BLESSING

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,
Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Soon and Very Soon ELW 439

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE