

This Week at St. Timothy

November 19, 2023

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| Sunday 11/19 | Worship Service Grace Café Sunday School Pledge Sunday | 8:30AM &11:00AM 9:30 AM 10:00AM |
| Monday 11/20 | Office Closed | |
| Tuesday 11/21 | Staff Meeting Quilting Group | 9:30AM 1:00PM |
| Wednesday 11/22 | No meetings or bible study | |
| Thursday 11/23 | THANKSGIVING DAY Office Closed | |
| Friday 11/24 | Office Closed Al-Anon | 8:00PM |
| Saturday 11/25 | Worship Service | 5:00PM |
| Sunday 11/26 | Worship Service Grace Café Sunday School | 8:30AM &11:00AM 9:30AM 10:00AM |

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November 18-19, 2023
25th 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 **Give Thanks**

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!



Please bring in medium sized holiday gift bags. We will fill them (and you can help!) They will be given out Christmas Day. If you have small items that may be used as gifts, it would be appreciated!



The altar flowers are given by Cecelia "Cindy" Johnson in memory of Richard L. Johnson my beloved husband

The communion wine and eternal light are given by Karen Whitmore in memory of Ellyn Barcus



- November 18-19 Pledge Sunday
- November 28 1:30 p.m. Decorating Sanctuary & Tree & the famous Gilliam's chili
- November 28 6:30pm Praise Team new date/time
- November 30 Advent worship 11:00 am & 7:00pm
Boxes of Love are due
- December 2 Men's Breakfast @ St Timothy
- December 3 1st Sunday of Advent
New Member Breakfast 9:30am
Joyful Service 10:00 a.m.
Boxes of Love to Dade City
- December 7 Advent worship 11:00 am & 7:00pm
- December 11 10:00am wrap gifts for homeless
- December 14 9:30am Mary, Martha Naomi Circle
Advent Worship 11:00am & 7:00pm
- December 15 6:00pm Adopt a Block Wrap a thon

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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past **ELW 632**

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

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.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

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

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (on screen)

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us ELW 707

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.

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!

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| Mon | Psalm 9:1-14 Zechariah 1:7-17 Romans 2:1-11 | Thurs | Psalm 95:1-7a 1 Kings 22:13-23 Revelation 14:1-11 |
| Tue | Psalm 9:1-14 Zechariah 2:1-5;5:1-4 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 | Fri | Psalm 95:1-7a 1 Chronicles 17:1-15 Revelation 22:1-9 |
| Wed | Psalm 9:1-14 Job 16:1-21 Matthew 24:45-51 | Sat | Psalm 9:1-7a Isaiah 44:21-28 Matthew 12:46-50 |



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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| Family of Luther Johnson | Karen Wilcox |
| Family of Bianca Siquiera | Linda Jenkins |
| Family of Bill Bowman | Lou Tancredi |
| Family of Helen Locke | Melanie Newberg |
| Bev Makovec | Mrs. Rob Bass |
| Chasity | Nicole Forth Godison |
| Creation | Roberto Ramos |
| Derek | Sara Rooney |
| Gregg Weaver | Suzette |
| Judy Thomas | Tom Hill |



We do not live by what is possessed but by what is promised.

Walter Brueggemann—scholar, theologian

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders (leaders may be named). Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you (especially). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith (especially) we praise your goodness. 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 I'll Fly Away

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

Christ, Be Our Light **ELW 715**
Jesus, the Very Thought of You **ELW 754**

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

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

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE