

# This Week at St. Timothy

**February 18, 2024**

Sunday 2/18	Worship Service  Grace Cafe Sunday School	8:30AM & 11AM  9:30AM 10:00AM
Monday 2/19	Office Closed Young Adult Bible Study	10:30AM 7 :00PM
Tuesday 2/20	Staff Meeting Praise Team	9:30AM 6:30PM
Wednesday 2/21	Centering Prayer Confirmation Co-op Bible Study	12:00PM 5:30PM 7:00P.M
Thursday 2/22	Men In Mission Bible Study Sarah Tent Pastor Curt WILL NOT have Bible Study During Lent Lenten Worship Bells Choir	7:00AM 10:30AM  11AM & 7:00PM 4:30PM 5:30PM
Friday 2/23	Office Closed Al-Anon	8:00PM
Saturday 2/24	Worship Service	5:00PM
Sunday 2/25	Worship Service  Grace Café Sunday School	8:30AM & 11AM  9:30AM 10:00AM

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**Pastor Curt Snare**

**February 17-18, 2024**

**First Sunday of Lent**



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

***We Worship our God, Host and Head  
of our Church Jesus Christ***

## **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.

*God Bless You*

## 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

## INVOCATION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.  
**Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



During February and March **WELCA** will be collecting food for the migrant workers in Dade City. We particularly need; beans, rice, vegetable oil, tomato sauce, canned tomatoes and flour. Other staple foods are also accepted. Also, sturdy cotton clothing for men, women and children, especially long sleeved shirts. The items will be delivered before Easter. Collection baskets are in the Narthex.  
**Thank you, we can't do this without you!**



**ASKED YOURSELF HOW CAN I SERVE?**

**Heres how:**

**We are looking for volunteers to work Grace Café, its easy and quick! All you need to do is set out pastries, make coffee and clean after leaving plenty of time to worship on Sunday. If interested call the office at 727-937-3503.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 21 6:45 p.m. Mission Board Mtg  
 February 22- 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. Contemplative  
 March 21 Lenten Worship Around the Cross  
 March 2 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 @ St. Timothy  
 March 3 10:00 a.m. Joyful Service  
 March 9 8:30—12:30 WELCA Spring  
 Gathering @ St. Timothy



**Lenten Midweek Worship  
 Services Every Thursday  
 (starting February 22nd)  
 11:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.  
 Prayer Around the Cross**

These services are based on "Lectio Divina", which means "divine reading" in Latin. It's a meditative way of reading the Bible in which we let go of our own agendas and open ourselves to what God is trying to say to us.

***Please plan to join us for these quiet and contemplative services.***

**HAVE YOU  
 TALKED  
 TO GOD  
 TODAY?**

Holy God,  
 we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
 and cannot break free.  
 We hoard resources while our neighbors  
 are hungry and cold.  
 We speak in ways that silence others.  
 We are silent when we should speak up.  
 We keep score in our hearts.  
 We let hurts grow into hatred.  
 For all these things and for sins only you know,  
 forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace:  
 Out of love for the whole world,  
 God draws near to us,  
 breaks every snare of sin,  
 washes away our wrongs,  
 and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.  
 Amen.

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**GATHERING HYMN  
 Oh Lord Throughout These Forty Days                      ELW 319**

**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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING:        Genesis        9:8-17

PSALM:                                        25:1-10

SECOND READING:    1 Peter        3:18-22

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GOSPEL                                        Mark        1:9-15

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY                                        (on screen)

SERMON

APOSTLES CREED

THE PRAYERS

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

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*A brief silence.*



### **JAMES 5:16**

If you want to pray for someone pick up a request.

If you want to be prayed for leave a request.  
A table is set up in the Narthex.



**Centering Prayer Group**

**Wednesdays on Zoom 12:00 p.m.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85880536085>  
[pwd=QUZCanJCVmdsejBhVXM4SXhjcndBdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85880536085?pwd=QUZCanJCVmdsejBhVXM4SXhjcndBdz09)

*Feel free to invite others!*

*Contact Sister Mary with any questions.*

**LUTHERAN MEN'S MISSION**  
Building men for Christ

*Sonrise Group - Men's Bible Study*

Meets Thursday's at the Garden Grille  
in Palm Harbor at 7:00 a.m.

All men are welcome!



A prayer chain is a group of God's people praying for one another for healing, peace, strength and/or for discernment. Also, information about illnesses, hospitalizations, deaths or celebrations are shared on the prayer chain. All you need to do is **PRAY!** If you would like to become a St Timothy Prayer Angel, send Gaye an email at:  
[gayePollinoFernandes@gmail.com](mailto:gayePollinoFernandes@gmail.com)

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Mon	Psalm 119:9-16 Exodus 20:1-21 James 1:2-8	Thurs	Psalm 119:33-40 Exodus 22:21-27 1 Corinthians 10:23—11:1
Tue	Psalm 119:9-16 Deuteronomy 23:21— 24:4, 10-15 James 2:1-13	Fri	Psalm 119:33-40 Leviticus 6:1-7 Galatians 5:2-6
Wed	Psalm 119:9-16 Proverbs 2:1-15 Matthew 19:1-12	Sat	Psalm 119:33-40 Leviticus 24:10-23 Matthew 7:1-12



***So I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours. Mark 11:24***

Brian Moore  
Cindy Szigetti  
Derek  
Gregg Weaver  
Jerry Hanes  
Joanne  
Judy Thomas  
Karen Ensmenger  
Karen Wilcox

Keith Jackson  
Kerrie Haskins  
Lisa Edwards  
Michael Valentino  
Norman Haskins  
Phil and Linda  
Reynaldo  
Sara Rooney  
Tim Hartge  
Tom Hill



***The eternal light and communion wine are given by Karen Whitmore in memory of Michael Whitmore***

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of our shared faith in Jesus Christ. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people (especially that of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate today). Hear us, O God.

***Your mercy is great.***

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

***Your mercy is great.***

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation (organizations may be named). Hear us, O God.

***Your mercy is great.***

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.

***Your mercy is great.***

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling (especially). Hear us, O God.

***Your mercy is great.***

***Here other intercessions may be offered.***

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.

***Your mercy is great.***

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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**

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**OFFERING PRAYER** Unfailing Light Page 10

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** Unfailing Light Page 14

**LAMB OF GOD** Unfailing Light Page 14

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**

The Glory of These Forty Days ELW 320

Jesus, Still Lead On ELW 624

Just As I Am, Without One Plea ELW 592

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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**HYMN AFTER COMMUNION**

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**BLESSING**

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**SENDING HYMN**

Oh, Love, How Deep ELW 322




**Stewardship**

**The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves.**

*Helen Keller—author, political activist, lecturer*