

***St. Timothy Lutheran Church Centering Prayer: January 29, 2012***

***Gathering Prayer:*** O God of heaven and earth and all the universe, we come to you after a blessed day of sunshine to sit with your holy presence in quiet reflection. We ask that you would keep us steadfast in your Word. We ask that you would bless our families, our communities, and our hands in the work that we do. Empower us, Lord, to be living testimonials to your love. In Jesus' name we humbly pray, *Amen*.

***Lectio Divina: Psalm 77 11-15:*** I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds." Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

***Silent Meditation***

***Eucharist***

***Poem: Live Without Thought of Dying: St Catherine of Siena***

We work so hard to fly and no matter what heights we reach,  
Our wings get folded near a candle, at the end.  
For nothing can enter God but Himself.  
Our souls are some glorious substance of the divine  
That no sentry wants to stop.  
Live without thought of dying,  
For dying is not a truth.  
We have swayed on the sky's limb together,  
Many years there the same leaves grow.  
But then they get that look in their eyes  
And bid farewell to what they disdained or cherished.  
This life He gave the shell, the daily struggles we know;  
Sit quiet for a minute, dear, feel the wind, let Light touch you.  
Live without thought of dying,  
For dying is not a truth.

***Benediction & Sending***