



THE TIMOTHIAN

ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

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“Called, gathered, enlightened and made holy by God, we strive to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through worship, education, prayer, study, outreach and our Child Care Center, we share the love of Jesus Christ with all people.”

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

“Your finest days are ahead of you.” We have all heard that said at some time or other. We want to believe that that will be true.

I happen to believe St. Timothy’s finest days are ahead. It is not that former days were bad. It is just that the future days can be finer. I don’t know that because I am clairvoyant. I know that as a matter of faith. I know that God works things more marvelous than we can imagine. I know that he works miracles every day. I know that God has so much more in store for us than we can imagine.

One of my favorite accounts along these lines is the story of Abraham. It goes like this:

“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’” (Hebrews 11:8-12)

The very essence of the Advent and Epiphany season is that God comes powerfully into our world still today. We can expect His coming afresh into the life and ministry of St. Timothy. When we allow Him to break us and rebuild us into a new and renewed force for Him, our finest days are ahead of us.

Our finest days are ahead of us. This I believe. This I hope. This I trust to come.

With affection,

Pastor Dean