



Rachel's Day

May 5, 2024

9:15 am Worship Service



St. Luke
LUTHERAN CHURCH

4595 SW California St.

Portland, OR 97219

503-246-2325

www.stlukechurch.com

Gathering in Worship

We Are

Chuck Butler

Forever

Chris Tomlin

Welcome

Message

Children invited forward to light the Gospel

Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17

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

Children dismissed to Children's Church

Sermon

Prayers for New Life – *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Interspersed between refrains, we offer prayers for individuals and the world.

Offering

Draw Me Close

Kelly Carpenter

Holy Communion

Words of Remembrance

The Meal

Spirit, Open My Heart

ACS 1043

Blessing

We Are Marching in the Light

ELW 866

Thank you for joining us in worship!

If you are new or visiting today, welcome!

We invite you to fill out our visitor card located in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate. We are glad you are here. Hearing assistance is available – please see an usher.

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Presiders: Pastor Beth Brashear, Pastor Patti Welch

Preacher: Katie Insalaco

Music: Modern Worship Team, Rejoice Choir

Readers: 9:15am: Marilyn Hudson 10:30am: Karen Stabeno, Donna Brocker

Ushers: Amy Gantt, Janet Swan, Melody Drangstveit, Deb Curran, Kirsten Kyllingstad,
Carol Cryder, Diana Domingo-Foraste

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Worship

In Holy Communion, Christ enters our lives anew: all who hunger to grow in connection with God are welcome to partake. **Communion is via intinction only:** Ushers will invite you forward via the center aisle to receive Communion wafer.

Wine (red) and grape juice (clear) are in the chalices (cups) held by the Communion Assistants.

Please bring your wafer to the chalices and dip it into the wine or grape juice before consuming your wafer.

- Gluten-free wafers are available: simply ask a pastor.
- If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

St. Luke's Nursery: The nursery is open offering care to children ages birth – 5 years every Sunday during the second service (10:15-11:45am).

Prayers for the Departed: **Margaret Schulz** (Carol Cryder's mother); **Lewis Hahn; Marlene Roth; Laurance Beaudoin; Shelley Hancey; Kris Peirce; Jon Tennant; Lesley Bertram; Tim Curran**, (Michael Curran's brother); **Ed Mattingly; Marie F. Leighton** (cousin of Dan Gott); **Dennis Simpson** (neighbor and friend of Joan Frazer); **Gina Paulson** (daughter-in-law's sister of Bill and Lori Loehr); **John Jackson; Dave Reynolds; Esther Petersen** (mother of Kris Roley).

Prayer List: **Judy Bayley** (hospice); **Patricia Cupper** (Maripat Hensel's mother); **Jordan Benson** (brother of Dale Benson); **Scott Petersen; Meri Alrick** (multiple health concerns, that they remain stable); **Shannon** (bacterial infection; friend of Lisa Sickler); **Susan G. Knodell Humprey; Fran Daniels** (recovering from fall); **Fraser Rasmussen** (pneumonia); **Fay Brown** (wrist surgery); **Kathy Darby** (Sarah Johnson's mother); **Gloria Miniszewski; Elmer Skurdahl** (fractured pelvis); **Georgann Dustan** (gallbladder surgery); **Anne Bender** (broken back); **Evelyn Kausch** (Jane Chan's mother); **Cindy Gibbon** (cancer treatment); **Sybil Tremper** (lymphoma); **Barb Dahlgren** (surgery); **Bill Loehr** (surgery); **Sue Seiffert** (stage 1 breast cancer); **Carter West** (neurological disease); **Rev. Myrin Bentz** (hospice/Senior Pastor of St. Luke from 1969 – 1998); **Lorna Beckley** (brain cancer treatment); **Tim Spofford** (strokes/Cathy Spofford's brother-in-law); **Dave Simmons** (cancer); **Elaine Woodward** (stroke); **John Jessen; Dee Mills; Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

Connect

Staff Out of Office: Pepper Rehm will be out of the office May 5-11th.

St. Luke Parking: Scan the QR code to register or visit our website! Please come by the church office (10am to 1pm Tuesday-Friday) or on Sundays between worship services to pick up your permit. Call the office if you need to schedule a pickup time.

Rachel's Day: Our preacher for today is seminarian, Katie Insalaco! Today's focus will be on youth and climate change.

Marimba Workshop: Saturday, May 11th and Sunday, May 12th with Jeff Powers! We will meet on Saturday morning 9am to noon, learn some music with Jeff, then perform that music in worship the following day. Please let Gerry Brenes, Gerry@stlukechurch.com know if you will be able to attend.

Gather Magazine Bible Study: Meets during the second week of each month, offering various options to accommodate your schedule. Please feel free to attend the group that best fits your availability. For more information, please contact Marilyn Hudson or Melody Drangstveit. Monday, March 13 at St Luke from 9:30-11am; Monday, March 13 in various homes from 1:30pm-3pm; Sunday, March 19 in the library at St Luke from 6:30pm-8pm.

FAB (Fifty and Beyond) Outing to NW Senior Theatre Show: On Wednesday, May 15th FAB group will attend the Northwest Senior Theatre 2pm performance of "The Times of Your Life: A Rollicking Trip through the '60s and '70s." Meet at church at 12:45pm for rides on the church bus. Bring \$10 in cash for the ticket. Reservations required by noon Monday, May 13th: contact Marsha Swantz via email, dls-mls@hotmail.com or call (503) 422-2495.

"Common Ground" Environmental Film: Join us Saturday, May 18th at 5:30pm for "Common Ground," the award-winning documentary about regenerative agriculture. Along with the film, we will provide a light dinner meal for attendees. Let us know you will attend by contacting Maripat Hensel, henselresearch@gmail.com or any Environmental Stewardship Committee members. For more information visit: <https://commongroundfilm.org/>

Serve

St. Luke Memorials: Dave Reynolds: Saturday, May 11th at 2pm; Laurance Beaudoin: Wednesday, May 15th at 3pm; Marlene Roth: Saturday, June 8th at 11am; Shelley Hancey: Saturday, June 29th at 1pm.

Seeking Funeral/Memorial Reception Coordinator: Due to health challenges, our current coordinator, Laure Patrick will be stepping down from this position as of July 1st. We are looking for a volunteer or team of volunteers to take over this important ministry. Questions? Please speak with one of the pastors or Laure Patrick.

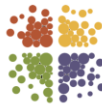
Looking for Ushers: We are putting a call out for volunteer ushers for our 9:15am as well as our 10:30am worship services. We're looking for approximately once a month commitment. If you are interested in serving as an usher at St. Luke or have any questions, contact Dan Swan or Michael Curran.



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Gathering

Prelude

Andante Grazioso

W.A. Mozart, Arr. Todd Kendall

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our near-sightedness.

God of all life, you lift before us a vision of healing and restoration for all people and for the life of the planet, and yet we fixate on narrower visions:

We often choose what is convenient and comfortable, what satisfies us and those closest to us in the short term, disregarding the impact our choices have on our siblings around the world and on future generations.

We lift before you those impacted by our choices:

the 20,000 children around the globe displaced each day due to weather events.

our own future generations here in the Pacific Northwest, whose lives are overshadowed by drought and wildfires.

communities and nations driven into conflict over access to clean water.

We repent of our sins of omission and commission, our individual and collective choices that cause harm to children around the world and in generations to come:

Reform our minds and hearts, that we may seek your vision for life abundant for all.

Hear the good news: In Christ Jesus, God has chosen to walk with us the journeys of temptation, displacement and suffering: no child is separated from the loving presence of the Divine. In Easter, God has promised that God will never give up on this world or on us, and that, in the end, we will be part of life made right. May God's promise and forgiveness lead you in freedom to love as God has first loved us.

Gathering Hymn

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

#360

Apostolic Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation pg. 142

Gospel Reading John 15:9-17

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Sermon Response *For the Fruit of All Creation* vs. 1 & 3 #679

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response *Be Not Afraid* #388

Passing of the Peace

The Offering

Offertory Music *Roll Down Justice!* Mark A. Miller

Offertory Prayer

Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving Dialogue pg. 129

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy pg. 130

Words of Institution

Christ Has Died pg. 131

Amen pg. 131

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God pg. 135

Communion Hymns

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly #461

Feed Us with Hunger for Justice ACS 968

Post-Communion Prayer

Shepherding God, **you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn *We Are Marching in the Light* #866

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in g BWV 558 Johann Sebastian Bach