



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.

First Sunday in Lent

Presider: Pastor Patti Welch; **Preacher:** Marc Rieke, The Enrichment Group

Director of Music: Steven Schaefer; **Virtual Worship Producer:** Pepper Rehm

Music: Modern Worship Team, Rejoice Choir; **Readers:** Lisa Knudsen, Craig Christensen, Joan Bridgman

Greeters: Ellen Rapkoch, Nancy Scheele

Ushers: Joe Beattie, Christophe Senah, Tami Zeidlhack,
Sandra Cann, Tom Ludwig, Craig Christensen, Kirsten Kyllingstad

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.

Education Hour - Youth/Parents: CLASS LOCATIONS: Children's Church 9:15, Library; Children's Hour 10:30, Room 109 Fellowship Hall; MSM 10:30, Lower Shalom; SLY 10:30, Vermont House; Parents Group 10:30, Upper Shalom.

Prayers for the Departed: **John Anderson; Penelope Greb; Betsy** (Justin Sales' mom); **Jane Gott; Tim Spofford** (Cathy Spofford's brother-in-law); **Fred Schobert** (Matthew Schobert's father); **Jordan Benson** (brother of Dale Benson).

Prayer List: **Sue Skinner** (hip replacement); **Scott Peterson** (colon cancer); **Bob Roley** (spinal pain); **Jan Petersen** (recovering from knee surgery); **Fred Altenburg** (Debbie Smith's brother); **Alice Mills** (broken wrist); **Barbara Nesbitt** (recovering from fall); **Pat Wilder; Fay Brown** (hip replacement surgery); **Brad Werth** (brother-in-law Kendall and Keith Cunningham-Parmeter); **Stephanie Rehm** (grandmother of Pepper Rehm); **Meri Alrick; Steve Blake** (Diane Allen's son, car accident, multiple injuries); **Mei** (Yuen Chan's mother, broken back and hip); **Fai** (Yuen Chan's brother, post heart attack, undergoing procedures to have stents being put in); **Lawrence Carasco** (healing after heart surgery); **Tammy Mercier; Susan G. Knodell Humprey; Fraser Rasmussen** (ongoing cancer); **Gloria Miniszewski; Georgann Dustan** (gallbladder surgery); **Sybil Tremper** (lymphoma); **Barb Dahlgren** (surgery); **Carter West** (neurological disease); **Dee Mills; Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN:

9am-5pm, Monday-Friday: Church Office (503) 246-2325
Evenings & Weekends: RuJeanne Anderson (503) 784-3222





Connect

Today's Guest Preacher, Marc Rieke: Marc is the Senior Consultant for The Enrichment Group, a consulting team serving Christian churches in capital and annual fund appeals, stewardship education initiatives, feasibility and visioning studies, and strategic planning efforts. In his 24 years as a consultant, Marc has led nearly 150 successful capital campaigns in churches and church-related organizations throughout the country in projects ranging from several hundred thousand dollars to more than \$10M. Marc received both his B.A. and M.A. in education from Pacific Lutheran University and served as a professional educator and school administrator at the secondary level for 15 years. Marc has served on the ELCA's Southwestern Washington Synod Council and has recently advised the Stewardship Table collaborative effort on behalf of the ELCA's Oregon Synod. As President of the Board, Marc volunteered for many years with Sound Outreach in Tacoma, WA, a non-profit agency that serves economically disadvantaged, disabled and homeless individuals. Marc and his husband, Paul, make their home in Fircrest and are active participants at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Tacoma.



Capital Campaign: Capital Campaign: There are thirteen opportunities for Lift Off small group gatherings where you will enjoy meeting with others in our church community and learn more about the campaign, no financial commitments will be asked or received at these gatherings. Scan the QR code to sign up and register for a Lift Off gathering. You can also sign up in the Narthex after worship on Sunday. Contact Elise Moentmann at moentman@up.edu or Julie Kresl at juliekresl@icloud.com if you have any questions.

LIFT Bible Studies: Join us for one or more stand-alone scripture studies that ground our work and ministry in faith. We have opportunities on Zoom and in-person. Contact Pastor Patti Welch at pastorpatti@stlukechurch.com or Pastor Mark Bocker at brockerm11@gmail.com with any questions.

- Monday, March 17, 7-8pm on Zoom. Led by Jon Erickson and Dean Gustafson
- Tuesday, March 18, 7-8pm on Zoom. Led by Pastor Mark Bocker
- Sunday, March 30, 9:15am & 10:30am. St. Luke Conference Room. Led by Pastor Mark Bocker
- Wednesday, April 2, 3-4pm (followed by Prayer Pause). St. Luke Conference Room. Led by Dean Gustafson.

2025 Interfaith Earth Summit: Climate Justice Ministry Committee will host a SW Portland 'Hub' at St. Luke. The workshop for this in person session will be about climate resilience and learning more from our community what resources we have available to help ourselves and our neighbors. As well as to learn what the community may be interested in pursuing later this Spring. Register online with Ecumenical Ministries and the Committee will provide EMO funds for your attendance. Encourage all St. Luke youth to attend! All are welcome to join us on March 16th. The Fellowship Hall doors will open at 12:30pm. Snacks will be served. Questions: climatejusticeministries@stlukechurch.com Registration link: (or scan QR code) <https://emoregon.org/event/oregon-interfaith-earth-summit-2/>

Serve

SW Hope: Our community is party of this food and fund drive to support neighbors who use the Neighborhood House Free Food Market, and there are a variety of ways to get involved: monetary donations, donations of food products like canned fruit or dried pasta can be dropped off at our collection bin in the Narthex, Dine out to Donate Nights: Enjoy a night out at any of these fine local restaurants, and a percentage of your meal price will be donated to SW Hope. 10% of all proceeds at these restaurants on these dates go to SW HOPE! March 10th, Dolly Olive in downtown Portland, March 15th, Sasquatch Brewing in Hillsdale. Empty Bowls: Saturday, March 15th from 1-3pm, Senior Center in Multnomah Arts Center. Join us at Empty Bowls, where you can take home soups and hearty bread donated from SW Portland's finest restaurants, and select your own hand-crafted bowl, all while supporting food security.

Grauer Back-to-School Project: It's time to begin our preparations for the Grauer Back to School Project for 2025! We will meet at 6:30pm in the conference room on Tuesday, March 11. If you're interested in joining this dynamic team, please email emily@stlukechurch.com

Community Table Update: Are you interested in helping with our food distribution-Community Table? Did you know we are expanding our food outreach to twice a month? Our next training session to learn more about the food pantry and how we distribute food will be March 15th from 2-3pm in Lower Shalom. RSVP to emily@stlukechurch.com

