



**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Truth & Reconciliation Sunday**
September 29, 2024

9:15 am Worship Service



St. Luke
LUTHERAN CHURCH

4595 SW California St.
Portland, OR 97219
503-246-2325

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Gathering in Worship

Living Waters

Kristyn Getty & Ed Cash

Welcome

Table Talk

Lisa Sickler, Capital Campaign Committee

Message

Scripture Reading Mark 9:38-50

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

Sermon

Community Prayers – *Sanctuary*

John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs

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

Offering

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

Arr. By Mark Hayes

Holy Communion

Words of Remembrance

The Meal

Communion by Maverick City

Tony Brown, Steffany Frizzell Gretzinger,
Dante Bowe, Brandon Lake & Jonathan Jay

Blessing

Your Love Is Alive by Housefires

Pat Barrett, Ben Smith, Daniel Bashta &
Jason Upton

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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Presider: Pastor Beth Brashear; **Preacher:** Pastor Patti Welch

Music: Modern Worship Team, Rejoice Choir

Readers: Melody Drangstveit, Middle School Ministries

Ushers: Melody Drangstveit, Gary Bishop, Middle School Ministries

Today's altar flowers are given by Sandy Bacon in memory of Kelly and given by Kirsten Kyllingstad for her mother's birthday (Carol 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.

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

Education Hour - Youth/Parents: Children's Church meets at the 9:15am service, Youth/Parents at 10:30am, Middle School Ministries meet in Lower Shalom, SLY (St. Luke Youth) meets in Vermont House, and Adults meet in Upper Shalom.

Prayers for the Departed: **Kathy Baker** (Ron Hudson's sister, sister-in-law of Marilyn Hudson); **Arthur Schmaltz** (Julie Gaudette's brother); **Dave Simmons**; **Evelyn Kausch** (Jane Chan's mother); **Rev. Myrin Bentz** (Senior Pastor of St. Luke from 1969 – 1998); **Irene Beyer**.

Prayer List: **Cathy Spofford** (gallbladder surgery); **Jane Gott** (liver cancer); **Lawrence Carasco** (healing after heart surgery); **Miles McCarry** (Sheri McCarry's grandson); **Tammy Mercier**; **Stephanie** (recovering from surgery); **Joan Frazer** (leg and knee surgery on August 14th); **Victor Bilous** (upcoming surgery); **Jordan Benson** (brother of Dale Benson); **Meri Alrick**; **Susan G. Knodell Humprey**; **Fraser Rasmussen** (ongoing cancer); **Fay Brown** (hip replacement); **Kathy Darby** (Sarah Johnson's mother); **Gloria Miniszewski**; **Georgann Dustan** (gallbladder surgery); **Anne Bender** (broken back); **Sybil Tremper** (lymphoma); **Barb Dahlgren** (surgery); **Sue Seiffert** (stage 1 breast cancer); **Carter West** (neurological disease); **Lorna Beckley** (brain cancer/hospice); **Tim Spofford** (strokes/Cathy Spofford's brother-in-law); **Elaine Woodward** (stroke); **Dee Mills**; **Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

Connect

Wednesday Church Night: Oct. 2nd from 6:30-7:30pm - Cuban dinner provided by chefs, Ray and Carrie Laurence! Called to vote! A Lutheran call to participation in our civic life, featuring: Rev. Dr. Mark Brocker - A Lutheran foundation for why we vote & encourage others to also vote; & Cathy Spofford with Vote Forward, a letter-writing campaign. This voting service project will have opportunities for most ages — from applying stickers and stamping envelopes to writing notes and addressing envelopes.

Blessing of the Animals! Sunday, Oct. 6th at 11:45am on the Shalom lawn outside of St. Luke's main building (adjacent to upper parking lot). We paws to celebrate your pet - and the gift of diversity! There will be homemade dog treats, a memory station to honor pets that have left us, and an individual blessing for each pet! While we draw from a Christian tradition, people from all faiths - and no faith - are welcome with their animals!

Transforming; Welcoming our LGBTQIA2S+ Siblings: Tuesday, Oct. 8th, 15th & 22nd from 7-8pm on Zoom. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, this is a great opportunity for our St. Luke community to better welcome the LGBTQIA2S+ community. The zoom forum/class will use the book, "Transforming, The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians," by Austen Hartley. This zoom class will include guests who are part of the LGBTQIA2S+ that can provide an opportunity for candid discussion. For more information, please contact Dean Gustafson at deangustafson@mac.com Meeting ID: 864 1226 2541 Passcode: 898367 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86412262541?pwd=vP7i8X8VlqtthLkX6BliHMpg25nOz.1>

October is Clergy Appreciation Month: To show our appreciation for Pastor Patti and Pastor Beth, we will have a table in the narthex where you can leave a brief note of thanks on a 3x5 card. These cards will be collected during both services on Oct. 6th and 13th to present to them at a later time.

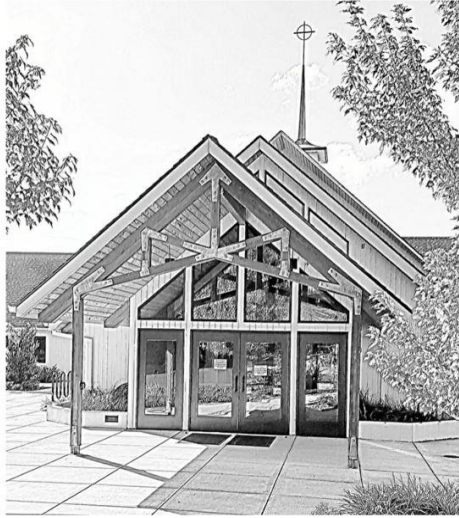
St. Luke Book Fair – book donations welcome! Oct. 13-20th. Drop off your book donations in the library beginning today! And be sure to check your bookshelves to see if you checked out a book and may have accidentally kept one that needs to be returned

Serve

Last Call! Christmas in September food drive! Bring your items by Monday, Sept. 30th. This is our annual gathering of items for the Northeast Emergency Food Program (NEFP). Checks, made out to NEFP, and cash should be placed in an envelope marked NEFP and dropped off at the office. Thank you for helping us serve our NE neighbors.

October 13 Thankoffering Services: On Oct. 13, during both services there will be a special "Thankoffering Service" hosted by the St. Luke Women. We are excited to bring Laura Gifford as our guest preacher. Deacon Laura Gifford serves as editor-in-chief of Fortress Press, the academic and ministry book publisher of the ELCA. She obtained her bachelor's degree from Pacific Lutheran University and holds a PhD in American history from the University of California, Los Angeles. In addition to publishing her academic research, Deacon Laura has written extensively for church publications including The Lutheran, The Little Lutheran, and WELCA's Gather magazine. She is a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church and lives in NE Portland with her husband, college-aged daughter (when she's home from PLU), and two cats who enjoy participating in Zoom calls. Come hear her message! "Thankoffering" envelopes will be available Oct. 17 for supplemental special offerings for the Women of the ELCA (WELCA) where, among other things, they are used to support online and printed communications of WELCA, justice and advocacy work, training and development for elected leaders throughout the women's organization and the administration of WELCA grants and scholarship programs.

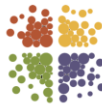




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Prelude

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

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Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *Gather Us In*

Red Hymnal no. 532

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.**

Kyrie

Red Hymnal p. 98

Prayer of the Day

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

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

Special Music *If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Second Reading James 5:13-20

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Gospel Acclamation

Red Hymnal pg. 102

Gospel Reading Mark 9:38-50

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

Sermon

Sermon Response *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Red Hymnal no. 810

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People *Sanctuary*

John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Passing of the Peace

Meal

Offertory *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

Mark Hayes

Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue Red Hymnal pg. 107
Preface
Holy, Holy, Holy Red Hymnal pg. 108

Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God Red Hymnal pg. 112

Communion Hymns

Many and Great, O God: Wakantanka taku nitawa Purple Hymnal no. 837
There Is a Balm in Gilead Red Hymnal no. 614

Post-Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, almighty God, **that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

Sending Hymn *Guide My Feet* Purple Hymnal no. 987

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude