



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.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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**; **Stephenie** (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.

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN:

9am-5pm, Monday-Friday: Church Office (503) 246-2325

9am-5pm any day: RuJeanne Anderson (503) 297-2246

5pm-10pm any day: Carol Greene, 503-245-4189





Connect

Wednesday Church Night: October 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. Also featuring, 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 paw 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, October 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 have 6 sessions, with 3-4 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=vP7i8X8VlqttbhLkX6BLiHMpg25nOz.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 October 6th and 13th to present to them at a later time.

St. Luke Book Fair – book donations welcome! October 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 October 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 Pacific Lutheran University), and two cats who enjoy participating in Zoom calls. Come hear her message! "Thankoffering" envelopes will be available October 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.

