



### 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.

#### **Reformation Sunday:**

**Guest Preacher:** Rev. Paula M. Stecker **Presiders:** Pastor Patti Welch, Pastor Beth Brashear

**Cantor:** Stephanie Schoap

**Music:** Modern Worship Team, St. Luke Ringers, Rejoice Choir

**Readers:** Jim Van Horn, Walt Brickwedel, Becky Tuttle

**Greeters:** Linda Schweitzer, Jon Erickson

**Ushers:** Christophe Senah, Bruce Bayley, Carol Cryder, Diana Domingo-Foraste

*Today's altar flowers are given by Comfort Adibonou for the glory of God and given by Gaile Baack in memory of her parents and brother Bob.*

## 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:** **Clyde Brown** (Frazer family friend); **Lorna Beckley**; **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).

**Prayer List:** **Stephanie Rehm** (hospitalized, 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); **Cathy Spofford** (gallbladder surgery); **Jane Gott** (pancreatic 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 14<sup>th</sup>); **Victor Bilous** (upcoming surgery); **Jordan Benson** (brother of Dale Benson); **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); **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

**Today's Guest Preacher!** Rev. Paula M. Stecker: Paula grew up in Eastern Iowa. She graduated from Luther College with a degree in nursing and then headed to Europe to study French and Tropical Medicine. She served as a missionary nurse in Cameroun and then the Central African Republic with the Lutheran church, from 1978-1998. Paula has a Master Degree in Public Health from Tulane University. She is married to Carl these past 42 years and they raised three daughters during their years in Africa. In 2005, Paula graduated from The Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago with a Master of Divinity. She has served congregations in York, PA, Port au Prince, Haiti, Chicago, IL and retired from Christ the King Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs last year. She enjoys interfaith and ecumenical opportunities to strive for justice and peace in the world. Paula is the mother of Chantal Carpenter.

**Today is St. Luke's Fall Festival!** All are welcome to St. Luke's free Fall Festival set for 2-4pm today in our Fellowship Hall downstairs. There will be games, crafts, treats, and costumes are encouraged!

**Table Talks:** "Is Following Jesus Compatible with Being Patriotic?" Lead by Rev. Mark Brocker, Theologian in Residence: Tuesday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm via Zoom. For more information scan the QR code or pick up an info. sheet in the Narthex.

**Prayers for the Nation:** On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, the sanctuary will be open from 9:30am-5pm. Prayers for the Nation, led by Pastor. Patti, will be held from 12:30-1pm.

**All Saints Sunday – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Names of St. Luke members who have died in the past year will be read aloud with the tolling of a bell. Please email or call the office to provide names no later than noon, Wednesday, Oct. 30.

**Wednesday Church Night – Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm:** The Climate Justice Ministries will be leading us in Environmental TED talks! Bring your ideas for big or small things you do or have done to help our world keep its ecosystem healthy. An example would be to take your own reusable containers for leftovers when eating at restaurants. Even if you don't want to stand up and share, bring paper and pen to jot down inspiration from others. Together we can make a difference!

## Serve

**Fall Annual Appeal:** The theme for this year's Fall Annual Appeal is "Joyful Generosity." But what is Generosity? The modern English word "generosity" is derived from the Latin word *generōsus*, which means "of noble birth." As God's stewards and disciples of Jesus, we are called "to be" – to be noble and generous in spirit, generous with our time, talents, and resources. Being generous is our response to the character of God, like the fruit in an orchard (Galatians 5:22-23). In the following weeks please pray, "How can I respond to God's call to be joyfully generous." Taken from the Generosity Project available online at [ELCA.org/GenerosityProject](https://www.elca.org/GenerosityProject).

**Capital Campaign Feasibility and Visioning Study Survey:** During the month of October, St. Luke is working with our consultant Marc Rieke, of the Enrichment Group, to develop the Capital Campaign - Feasibility and Visioning study for St Luke Lutheran Church. The deadline for the survey has been moved to Monday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. Scan the QR code or pick up information in the Narthex to complete the survey.

**Lutheran World Relief Fall Ingathering:** A very special thank you to everyone who assembled personal care kits and school kits for the LWR ingathering. We especially thank our Priceless Company Quilters for their donations of quilts. This ingathering would not be possible without you!

**Climate Justice Ministries:** Our regular November committee meeting is Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 10:30am service in the library. We welcome members and guests to meet with us to learn about what we are planning or to share your ideas for things we should consider in 2025. On Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30am service Peter Fargo, Creation Justice Coordinator of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) will meet with St. Luke members and guests to talk about 'ERA' and OCERA. Snacks will be provided. ERA is an Environmental Rights Amendment to the Oregon Constitution for Oregonians to recognize the importance of the environment as the lens for living in this beautiful state. Learn more at [oceraunited.org](https://oceraunited.org)

