



## **Transfiguration Sunday**

February 11, 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

*Here I Am to Worship*

Tim Hughes

*Hear Our Praises*

Reuben Morgan

Welcome

## Message

*Children invited forward to light the Gospel*

Scripture Reading      Mark 9:2-9

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

*Children dismissed to Children's Church*

Sermon

Community Prayer

*Enter a sacred time of community prayer. Led by a pastor and graced with uplifting melodies, we invite you to offer up your heartfelt prayers. Share your joys and concerns, intertwining your voice with others. Together, let us create a tapestry of unity and support. Embrace the power of communal prayer, as our collective spirits soar.*

## Offering

*Shine, Jesus Shine*

Graham Kendrick

## Holy Communion

Words of Remembrance

The Meal

*Be Thou My Vision*

Eleanor Henrietta Hull

Blessing

*We Are Marching in the Light of God*

South African Traditional

## 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.

### Today's Worship:

**Presiders:** Pastor Patti Welch **Guest Preacher:** Dan Lee

**Readers & Prayer Leader:** 9:15am: Dean Gustafson

10:30am: Joan Bridgman, Karen Stabeno

**Music:** 9:15am: Modern Worship Team

10:30am: Rejoice Choir

*Today's flowers are given by Joan and Greg Barclay for Barclay birthdays.*

**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.**

## Worship

- 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:** **Gina Paulson** (daughter-in-law of Bill & Lori Loehr); **Nanette Grant and Diana Loo** (friends of Nancy Feldman); **John Jackson; Dave Reynolds; Esther Petersen** (mother of Kris Roley); **Gale Sickler** (father of Lee Sickler).

**Prayer List:** **Marie Fay Leighton** (cousin of Dan Gott, on hospice); **Paul Fauske** (surgeries for cardiac a-fib); **Fay Brown** (awaiting hip surgery); **Kathy Darby** (Sarah Johnson's mother); **Gloria Miniszewski; Tim Curran** (hospitalized, Michael Curran's brother); **Elmer Skurdahl** (fractured pelvis); **Georgann Dustan** (gallbladder surgery); **Anne Bender** (broken back); **Evelyn Kausch** (Jane Chan's mother); **Arllys Chesnutt** (hospitalization); **Cindy Gibbon** (cancer treatment); **Mary Brocker** (breast cancer surgery/Mark and Donna Brocker's daughter); **Barbara Brocker** (stepmother of Mark Brocker - recovering after fall); **Sybil Tremper** (lymphoma); **John Chesnutt** (post-hospitalization); **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 surgery #2); **Tim Spofford** (strokes/Cathy Spofford's brother-in-law); **Dave Simmons** (cancer); **Bev Westlund** (knee surgery); **Sandra Hamari** (metastatic cancer); **Michael Butler** (cancer and surgery); **Elaine Woodward** (stroke); **John Jessen; 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 we welcome our guest preacher, **Dan Lee!** Dan is the Vice President of University Relations for Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. His team builds and stewards partnerships with university constituents, encouraging investment in the vital mission of PLU.

In his nine years at PLU, Dan has elevated community-engaged philanthropy and constituent partnership as core values of the University. Through innovative collaborations between regional public and private partners, Native nations, faculty, students, and alumni, PLU has continued to reclaim and evolve the critical role of a private regional university – one that centers community and serves as a hub for collective impact in the South Puget Sound.

Until 2014, Dan was Vice President of External Relations for Lutheran World Relief, an international relief and development organization serving more than 7 million people in 35 countries. Dan received his B.A. in Communication from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota and a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota. A former outdoor ministry chaplain, he has committed much of his career to working with, and on behalf of, Lutheran faith communities.

**FAB Pizza Party:** To celebrate Fat Tuesday and Valentine's Day, Fifty And Beyond fellowship group is having a pizza party on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for pizza, music, games, hearts, Mardi Gras beads, and prizes! **Reservations are required by noon on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** by contacting Marsha Swantz: [dls-mls@hotmail.com](mailto:dls-mls@hotmail.com) or call (503) 422-2495.

**Ash Wednesday & Imposition of Ashes:** Services will be offered at 12pm (also live-streamed) and 6:30pm (in-person only) Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Pastor Patti Out of Office:** Pastor Patti will be out of the office at Bishop's retreat February 12-13<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Beth will be the pastor on call.

**New Member Sunday:** set for February 18<sup>th</sup> at both services! If you would like to join our vibrant St. Luke community please call the church office (503) 246-2325 or speak with one of the pastors.

**Office Closure:** St. Luke's office will be closed in observance of President's Day, Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**First Communion! Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am! Preparation Retreat: Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm.** Is your child interested in taking Holy Communion for the first time? Or do you and your children want to know more about what this sacred rite means? Here's an opportunity to explore the meaning and making of Holy Communion – and to bring your child into the wonder of the Lord's Supper. **Sign up by Feb. 18** (scan QR code) for First Communion and the retreat. For more information, contact Pr. Beth: [pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com](mailto:pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com)

## Serve

**Upcoming Spring Messenger Deadline:** All ministry reports are due Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Raingard Kuhse at [raingard@stlukechurch.com](mailto:raingard@stlukechurch.com)

St. Luke's LinkTree!





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**Gathering**

Prelude

*Trio*

Josef Rheinberger

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We gather at this font, O God, creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow. We praise you for the Columbia & Willamette Rivers, the Pacific Ocean, and for the water you provide us each day.

We praise your Spirit, hovering over this font. We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth, this flood of endless mercy, and for all the baptized around this blue planet.

We ask you, almighty Provider, to give us the water we need, and we praise you for the sustenance you grant at this font. By the water of our baptism empower us to pour out ourselves for others and to safeguard the waters of your earth.

To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Sea of holiness, Spring of salvation, Cloud of mystery, be all praise and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

*Beautiful Savior*

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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.**

Kyrie

ACS Setting 12

Song of Praise

Glory to you, God

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Word

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia with 'Lord, to whom shall we go?'

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9

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

Sermon

Sermon Response *Jesus on the Mountain Peak*

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Iona Creed

*During the season of Epiphany, we use the Iona Creed, drawn from the Celtic tradition. We do so hoping to hear and speak our faith anew, rousing us from rote recitation and opening the possibility that we may encounter God afresh.*

Prayers of the People

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## The Offering

Offertory Music *The Heavens Are Declaring* Ludwig van Beethoven

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Thanksgiving at the Table

Words of Institution

Come, Holy Spirit. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Lord's Prayer

Be known to us, Lord Jesus

Communion Hymns

*Christ, be our light*

#715

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

#815

Post-Communion Prayer

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*Voluntary No. 9*

Arlen Clarke