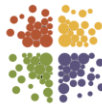




**First Sunday in Lent
New Member Sunday**

February 18, 2024

9:15 am Worship Service



St. Luke
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Gathering in Worship

Crowns

Michael Fatkin

Welcome

Message

Children invited forward to light the Gospel

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:9-15

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

Children dismissed to Children's Church

Sermon

Prayers for Healing – *Heal us, Lord and renew our lives.* Marty Haugen

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

Offering

Lord I Need You

Kristian Stanfill

Holy Communion

Words of Remembrance

The Meal

I Will Exalt You

Brooke Ligertwood

Blessing

Shepherd

Amanda Cook

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:

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

Readers & Prayer Leader: 9:15am: Jim Van Horn

10:30am: Karyn O'Bryant, Elise Moentmann

Music: 9:15am: Modern Worship Team

10:30am: Rejoice Choir

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 open offering care to children ages birth – 5 years every Sunday during the second service (10:15-11:45am).

Prayers for the Departed: **Ed Mattingly;** **Marie F. Leighton** (cousin of Dan Gott); **Dennis Simpson** (neighbor and friend of Joan Frazer); **Gina Paulson** (daughter-in-law of Bill & Lori Loehr); **John Jackson;** **Dave Reynolds;** **Esther Petersen** (mother of Kris Roley).

Prayer List: **Susan G. Knodell Humprey;** **Fran Daniels** (broken hip and hand); **Paul Fauske** (surgeries for cardiac a-fib); **Fay Brown** (awaiting wrist 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); **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

New Member Sunday! Today we officially welcome our newest members. A reception will follow our 10:30am service in the library.

Office Closure: St. Luke's office will be closed in observance of President's Day, Monday, Feb. 19th.

Book Study Group: "The 7 Deadly Sins of White Christian Nationalism." Meets bi-weekly on Zoom Mondays, February 19; March 4 & 18; April 1 from 7pm 8:15pm. Chapters 7 - 8 will be discussed. Scan the QR code for more information.

Lenten Services - Holden Prayer Around the Cross: Beginning next week! Wednesdays in Lent at 6:30pm: Feb. 21, 28, March 6, 13 & 20. All are welcome to this lovely midweek healing Lenten service. For more information contact pastorpatti@stlukechurch.com or pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com

Gather Bible Studies/WELCA Luncheon: Groups will not meet individually during the month of February. However, there will be a luncheon gathering **Sunday, February 25** in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30am service. This luncheon will provide an opportunity for everyone to connect and get to know each other better, as well as attend a Bible Study led by Pastor Patti. All women are invited to attend. Sandwiches, chips and drinks will be provided, and you are welcome to bring a salad or dessert. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Marilyn Hudson or Melody Drangstveit.

First Communion! Sunday, March 17th at 10:30am! Preparation Retreat: Saturday, March 16th 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

Serve

Church Council: Meets today at 11:45am in Conference Room.

Housing Justice 2024: A Pathways Home meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 21st at 6pm. Join this SW Portland Community group for an update. For more information contact Maripat Hensel henselresearch@gmail.com Join Zoom Meeting. **Meeting ID:** 825 8634 8331 **Passcode:** 060701 Scan the QR code for the Zoom link.

St. Luke Staff

Blessings in the journey of faith!

Pr. Patti Welch, Lead Pastor
Pr. Beth Brashear, Associate Pastor
Gerry Brenes, Director of Music
Emily Brabham, Director Youth/Service Ministries
Kim Weber, Children's Ministry

Annamarie Pearson, Administrative Assistant & Organist
Raingard Kuhse, Executive Assistant
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Gathering

Prelude

Verset for the Kyrie

Alexandre Pierre François Boëly

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome New Members

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

#319

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

#152

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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: Genesis 9:8-17

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

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

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

Gospel Acclamation

#177

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15

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

Sermon

Sermon Response *When We Are Tested*

Tune: SLANE

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Peace

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

The Offering

Offertory Music *Lenten Song*

Mark Hayes

Offertory Prayer

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. **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

#190

Thanksgiving at the Table

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Jesus, Lamb of God

#199

Communion Hymns

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

#325

Take, oh, take me as I am

#814

Post-Communion Prayer

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

#326

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Verso in E Minor

Domenico Zipoli