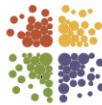


**Fourth Sunday after Easter  
Creation Care Sunday**

April 21, 2024

**9:15 am Worship Service**



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Gathering in Worship

*Holy Holy Holy*

John Bacchus Dykes

*Psalms 150 (Praise the Lord)*

Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

Welcome

### Message

*Children invited forward to light the Gospel*

Scripture Reading

John 10:11-18

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

*Children dismissed to Children's Church*

Sermon

Prayers for New Life – *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

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

### Offering

*As the Wind Song*

ACS 943

### Holy Communion

Words of Remembrance

The Meal

*When We Are Living*

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR, Spanish Traditional

Blessing

*Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom*

ACS 1064

## 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.

### Creation Care Sunday!

**Presider:** Pastor Patti Welch; **Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Mark Brocker, Theologian in Residence

**Music:** Modern Worship Team, Rejoice Choir

**Readers:** 9:15am: Lisa Knudsen; 10:30am: Elise Moentmann, Karen Stabeno

**Ushers:** Dan Swan, Dean Gustafson

*Today's altar flowers are given by Marsha Swantz celebrating her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday!*

## 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:** Marlene Roth; Laurance Beaudoin; Shelley Hancey; Kris Peirce; Jon Tennant; Lesley Bertram; Tim Curran (Michael Curran's brother); Ed Mattingly; Marie F. Leighton (cousin of Dan Gott); Dennis Simpson (neighbor and friend of Joan Frazer); Gina Paulson (daughter-in-law's sister of Bill and Lori Loehr); John Jackson; Dave Reynolds; Esther Petersen (mother of Kris Roley).

**Prayer List:** Patricia Cupper (Maripat Hensel's mother); Jordan Benson (brother of Dale Benson); Scott Petersen (hospitalized); Meri Alrick (multiple health concerns, that they remain stable); Shannon (bacterial infection; friend of Lisa Sickler); Susan G. Knodell Humprey; Fran Daniels (recovering from fall); Fraser Rasmussen (pneumonia); Fay Brown (wrist surgery); Kathy Darby (Sarah Johnson's mother); Gloria Miniszewski; Elmer Skurdahl (fractured pelvis); Georgann Dustan (gallbladder surgery); Anne Bender (broken back); Evelyn Kausch (Jane Chan's mother); Cindy Gibbon (cancer treatment); Sybil Tremper (lymphoma); 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 treatment); Tim Spofford (strokes/Cathy Spofford's brother-in-law); Dave Simmons (cancer); 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

**Council Meeting:** Today at 11:45am in the conference room.

**St. Luke Parking Update:** Scan the QR code to register or visit our website! Please come by the church office or on Sundays between worship services to pick up your permit.

**Environmental Stewardship:** On Sunday morning, stop by and meet members of the Environmental Stewardship Committee in the Narthex. And, consider adding your name to the new list of members who will receive regular Climate Justice updates from this committee. We believe it's important to stay up-to-date and informed and this approach allows the committee to work more closely with interested members. We enjoyed Sheri Brown's insight and facilitation and you may also find the resource guide she prepared for the Coming Home to Earth Retreat beneficial to your spiritual development. Scan the QR code for the resource guide.

**Table Talk with Rev. Dr. Mark Brocker, Theologian in Residence:** "WWJD: What Would Jesus Drive?" Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the conference room (please note time change) and Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on Zoom. Scan the QR code for the Zoom link.

**Spring Showcase Concert: Featuring Rejoice Choir and St. Luke Ringers, and more!** St. Luke's Music Ministry's Spring Showcase is set for Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> in the evening paired with Wednesday Church Night dinner. Wednesday Church Night dinner by Verde Cocina begins at 6pm with a suggested donation of \$7/person, \$20/family. The concert will begin at 6:45pm in the Sanctuary with free admission – an offering will be collected to go toward the Special Music Fund.

## Serve

**St. Luke Memorials:** A memorial and reception for Kris Peirce is set for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am at St. Luke. A celebration of life and reception for Dave Reynolds is set for Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at St. Luke.

**Lutheran World Relief Ingathering:** The Lutheran World Relief Ingathering is happening now through April 28<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to make a kit and drop it in the LWR box in the ministry center. More information is available at [lwr.org/kits](http://lwr.org/kits). Please contact Emily at [emily@stlukechurch.com](mailto:emily@stlukechurch.com) with any questions. Thank you for the egg cartons! We have received all the egg cartons we need at this time. Please recycle them in the future. If we need them we will reach out to the congregation.

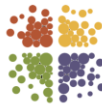
**Looking for Ushers:** We are putting a call out for volunteer ushers for our 9:15am as well as our 10:30am worship services. We're looking for approximately once a month commitment. If you are interested in serving as an usher at St. Luke or have any questions, contact Dan Swan or Michael Curran.



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## Gathering

Prelude

*To A Wild Rose*

Edward MacDowell arr. Anthea Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, all the high heavens **Angels and heavenly hosts, sun and moon,**

Morning star and rain from above. **God spoke you to life and here you are!**

Praise the Lord, all earthly matter **Lightning and hail, snow and cloud,**

Mountain and hill, fruit tree and juniper, **God spoke you to life and here you are!**

Praise the Lord, all that has breath **All creatures that creep and crawl and fly,**

All who stand upright and walk on two legs, **God spoke us to life and here we are!**

Praise the Lord, all creation **Draw near, all you children of the Lord!**

Listen to the Spirit calling one and all, **Into this holy and universal family.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Most Merciful Breath of Life,

**We confess that our comfort and convenience come with an increasingly unbearable cost to Earth. We confess that we have idolized our Wants and have worshipped our perceived Needs. We have chosen to be blind to the suffering our appetites cause and indifferent to the injustices they perpetuate.**

Here is Good News: The empty cross and tomb show us that nothing is beyond the reach of God's life-giving, redemptive love. In Christ we are forgiven and forgiven is our starting place. May God guide us now back to the Way of Jesus and restore in us a right Spirit, that our lives may bless and restore the world around us. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

*When We Are Living, We Are In the Lord*

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR,  
Spanish Traditional

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.**

Prayer of the Day

## Word

First Reading            Revelation 21:1-4  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading        Psalm 23  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel Reading        John 10:11-18  
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon                    "Coming Home to Earth"  
Sermon Response      *Touch the Earth Lightly* vs. 1 & 4 #739

Profession of Faith

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response        *For the Beauty of the Earth* vs. 1 & 5 #879

Passing of the Peace

## The Offering

Offertory Music        *Bonse Aba* Traditional Zambian arr. by Andrew Fischer

Offertory Prayer

Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

## Holy Communion

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Preface

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Words of Institution

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Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymns

*God's Work Our Hands*

ACS 1000

*O Beauty Ever Ancient*

ACS 1100

Post-Communion Prayer

Most Gracious God, **we give you thanks for the grains of earth in this bread, the goodness and mercy poured out from this cup. Send us now, filled with the life of the Risen One, to be people of your new creation. Amen.**

### Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn

*Let All Things Now Living*

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Dismissal

You have come home to Earth.

Go now in peace to love and to serve all who share this holy home.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Dale Wood