

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering & Lutherwood Sunday

April 28, 2024

9:15 am Worship Service



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Portland, OR 97219
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Gathering in Worship

This is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham

Welcome & Blessing of the Quilts

Table Talk

Andrea Scofield, Executive Director, Camp Lutherwood

Message

Children invited forward to light the Gospel

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-8

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

Give Thanks Henry Smith

Holy Communion

Words of Remembrance

The Meal

You Are My All in All Dennis Jernigan

Blessing

Let Your Kingdom Come Bob Kauflin

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.

<u>Lutheran World Relief Ingathering & Lutherwood Sunday!</u>

Presider: Pastor Patti Welch Preacher: Pastor Beth Brashear Music: Modern Worship Team, Rejoice Choir

Readers: 9:15am: Amy Gantt; 10:30am: Walt Brickwedel, Becky Tuttle **Ushers:** Christophe Senah, Bruce Bayley, Carol Cryder, Diana Domingo-Foraste

Today's altar flowers are given by Ken Peirce in honor of Kris.

Worship

incarcerated.

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.

Prayers for the Departed: Lewis Hahn; Marlene Roth; Laurance Beaudoin; Shelley Hancey; Kris Peirce; Jon

• 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).

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: Judy Bayley (hospice); Patricia Cupper (Maripat Hensel's mother); Jordan Benson (brother of Dale Benson); Scott Petersen; 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);

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PHONE PRAYER CHAIN:

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

Connect

Staff Out of Office: Pepper Rehm will be out of the office May 5-11th.

St. Luke Parking: 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: Meet members of the Environmental Stewardship Committee in the Narthex today. Consider adding your name to the new list of members who will receive regular Climate Justice updates from this committee. We enjoyed Sheri Brown's insight and facilitation which can be found in the resource guide she prepared for the Coming Home to Earth Retreat: https://bit.ly/3xL7Bw8 or scan the QR code.

Table Talk with Rev. Dr. Mark Brocker, Theologian in Residence: "WWJD: What Would Jesus Drive?" Tuesday, April 30th 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 1st 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.

Rachel's Day: Our preacher for Sunday, May 5th will be seminarian, Katie Insalaco! Sunday's focus will be on youth and climate change.

Serve

St. Luke Memorials: Lewis Hahn: Friday, May 3^{rd} at 1pm; Dave Reynolds: Saturday, May 11^{th} at 2pm; Laurance Beaudoin: Wednesday, May 15^{th} at 3pm; Marlene Roth: Saturday, June 8^{th} at 11am; Shelley Hancey: Saturday, June 29^{th} at 1pm.

Seeking Funeral/Memorial Reception Coordinator: Due to health challenges, our current coordinator, Laure Patrick will be stepping down from this position as of July 1st. We are looking for a volunteer or team of volunteers to take over this important ministry. Questions? Please speak with one of the pastors or Laure Patrick.

Lutheran World Relief Ingathering: Today is the last day to drop off kits for The Lutheran World Relief Ingathering. Kits can be dropped off in the LWR box in the ministry center. 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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Prelude No. 6

Eric H. Thiman

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Table Talk

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Remembrance of Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. Amen.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia! Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia! At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

#377

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

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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 Acts 8:26-40

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-21

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

Gospel Acclamation pg. 142

Gospel Reading John 15:1-8

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

Sermon

Sermon Response Blest Be the Tie That Binds vs. 1, 3, & 4 #656

Apostle's Creed

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response Be Not Afraid #388

Passing of the Peace

The Offering

Offertory Music African Alleluia Jay Althouse

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

Great Thanksgiving Dialogue Preface	pg. 129
Holy, Holy	pg. 130
Words of Institution	
Christ Has Died	pg. 131
Amen	pg. 131
Lord's Prayer	
Lamb of God	pg. 135
Communion Hymns	
Where Charity and Love Prevail	#359
Mercy, We Abide In You	ACS 1077

Post-Communion Prayer

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death #452

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude No. 3 Eric H. Thiman