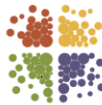




Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2024

9:15 am Worship Service



St. Luke
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Portland, OR 97219

503-246-2325

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Gathering in Worship

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes

Welcome

Message

Scripture Reading Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21,23

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

Sermon

Community Prayers – *Sanctuary*

John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs

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

Offering

Shepherd

Amanda Cook

Holy Communion

Words of Remembrance

The Meal

All Who Are Thirsty

Brenton Brown and Glenn Roberts

Blessing

Living Waters

Kristyn Getty and Ed Cash

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.

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

Music: Modern Worship Team

Readers: Amy Gantt, Cindy Gibbon, Joan Bridgman

Greeter: Sue Enquist, Carol Cryder

Ushers: Mark Jockers, Earl Cahoe, Mike Curran

Today's altar flowers are given by Jan Peterson celebrating Nancy's safe return from a bicycle trip.

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).

Prayers for the Departed: **Dave Simmons**; **Evelyn Kausch** (Jane Chan's mother); **Rev. Myrin Bentz** (Senior Pastor of St. Luke from 1969 – 1998); **Irene Beyer**; **Carol Scott** (sister of Margaret Johnson); **Judy Bayley**; **Margaret Schulz** (Carol Cryder's mother).

Prayer List: **Joan Frazer** (leg and knee surgery on August 14th); **Victor Bilous** (healing for neck injury); **Loretta Jacobson** (healing from successful eye surgery); **Jordan Benson** (brother of Dale Benson); **Meri Alrick**; **Susan G. Knodell Humphrey**; **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); **Lorna Beckley** (brain cancer); **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: Ruleanne Anderson (503) 297-2246

5pm-10pm any day: Carol Greene, 503-245-4189

Connect

Labor Day Closure: St. Luke's office will be closed, Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day. The office will reopen Tuesday, September 3rd.

Return of Monthly Memory Café: Good news! Memory Café has resumed, beginning September 12th (2nd Thursday of the month) from 2:30-4pm (same time) in our Fellowship Hall (same place). Our new musician will be Matt Lotz, former St. Luke member and music director. Please continue to keep this important ministry in your prayers and help spread the word! Memory Café is a social gathering for people with memory loss and their caregivers, promoting connection and well-being through sing-a-longs, fellowship, and snacks.

New Director of Music! Steven Schaefer, a native of Flagstaff, Arizona, is a recent Portland resident and a graduate from Northern Arizona University. He earned his Masters of Music degree in Choral Conducting in Spring 2020 and his bachelor's degree in Piano Performance in 2013. After completing his BA degree, he taught music and Spanish to grades 1-8 at the Montessori Schools of Flagstaff. For the following three years, he worked as a choral director at BASIS Flagstaff, where he conducted five choirs and grew the music program from 90 to more than 200 singers. He has served as conductor of the NAU Chamber Choir, the NAU Harold M. Harter Memorial Handbell Ensemble, and the Artistic Director of the Flagstaff Youth Chorale. Steven also served as the Director of Music for the First Congregational church of Flagstaff for eight years and was the Principal Organist for the Peace Lutheran Church. His first Sunday with us is Sept. 8th. Welcome, Steven!

Rally Day: Sunday, September 8th at 10:30am (one blended worship service). We'd like a headcount estimate for grilled items for our potluck barbecue cookout! Scan the QR code to RSVP by Sept. 4th. Join us afterwards for fellowship and potluck outside on the patio. We will grill hamburgers and hot dogs with vegetarian and gluten free options. Lemonade provided! You're also invited to bring a dish to share! Bring your lawn chairs or picnic blankets. Jumptown Big Band will join the festivities!

Memorial Service: A memorial for Dave Simmons is set for Saturday, September 14th at 11am.

Education Hour - Youth/Parents: Resumes Sunday, September 15th. 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.

Serve

Christmas in September food drive is back! This is our annual gathering of items for the Northeast Emergency Food Program (NEFP). We will be gathering items from Sept. 1st-30th. Choose one or more items from the Christmas in September tree found in the church narthex. Purchase the item(s) and put them in a reusable grocery bag. The most needed are ready to eat food items and hygiene products. Bring your bagged items to the church on any Sunday or Tuesday through Friday from 9:30am-4pm. Place them in the wooden crate under the overhang of the main entrance to the church. Checks, made out to NEFP, and cash should be placed in an envelope marked NEFP and dropped off at the office. All donations will be delivered to NEFP on October 1st. Thank you for helping us serve our NE neighbors.

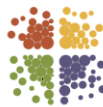




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Prelude

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

Red Hymnal no. 461

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

Red Hymnal no. 154

Prayer of the Day

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Second Reading James 1:17-27
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Red Hymnal pg. 198

Gospel Reading Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Sermon Response *O Christ, Our Hope (vs. 1-2)* Red Hymnal no. 604

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Prayer Response *O Christ, Our Hope (vs. 3-5)* Red Hymnal no. 604

Passing of the Peace

Meal

Offertory

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue Red Hymnal pg. 199
Preface
Holy, Holy, Holy Red Hymnal pg. 200

Thanksgiving at the Table
Christ Has Died
Amen
Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God Red Hymnal pg. 201

Communion Hymns

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Red Hymnal no. 656

Take My Life, That I May Be

Red Hymnal no. 685

Post-Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, almighty God, **that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

Sending Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* Red Hymnal no. 879

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude