



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

9:15 am Worship Service



St. Luke
LUTHERAN CHURCH

4595 SW California St.

Portland, OR 97219

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Gathering in Worship

God of Wonders
Imagine

Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong
John Lennon

Welcome

Table Talk

Rob Skinner, Church Council President

Message

Scripture Reading Mark 8:27-38

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

By Mark Hayes, Tune: NICAEA by John B. Dykes
(1823-1876)

Holy Communion

Words of Remembrance

The Meal

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

Blessing

Mighty to Save

Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

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

Music: Modern Worship Team, Rejoice Choir

Readers: Jim Van Horn, Walt Brickwedel, David Medford

Greeter: Ellie Moe

Ushers: Joe Beattie, Christophe Senah, Craig Christensen, Kirsten Kyllingstad

Today's altar flowers are given by Elise Moentmann in memory of her parents.

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.
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St. Luke's Nursery: Resumes today! The nursery is offers care to children ages birth – 5 years every Sunday during the second service (10:15-11:45am).

Education Hour - Youth/Parents: Resumes today! 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.

Prayers for the Departed: **Arthur Schmaltz** (Julie Gaudette's brother); **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: **Stephenie** (recovering from surgery); **Joan Frazer** (leg and knee surgery on August 14th); **Victor Bilous** (upcoming 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.

Connect

Good Words Book Group: The Good Words Book Group resumes today at 9:15am in the conference room. Our book is "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. New members are always welcome! Contact Caryl Walker if you have questions. The group meets every third Sunday through June (except December).

Transforming; Welcoming our LGBTQIA2S+ Siblings: Tuesday, September 17th & 24th, October 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd from 7-8pm on Zoom. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, this is a great opportunity for our St. Luke community to better welcome the LGBTQIA2S+ community. The zoom forum/class will use the book, "Transforming, The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians," by Austen Hartley. It will be a resource to further our understanding of transgender people. This zoom class will have 6 sessions, with 3-4 guests who are part of the LGBTQIA2S+ that can provide an opportunity for candid discussion. Join us as we learn to be better allies and welcomers even if we don't have all the answers. For more information, please contact Dean Gustafson at deangustafson@mac.com Meeting ID: 864 1226 2541 Passcode: 898367 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86412262541?pwd=vP7i8X8VlqttbhLkX6BLiHMpg25nOz.1>

FAB Outing to Salem: On Wednesday, September 18th FAB (Fifty And Beyond) fellowship group will visit Willamette Heritage Center, a place with a working woolen mill from the 1850s in Salem. Afterwards, we will have lunch at the Masonry Grill. Senior admission is \$8. Meet at church at 9:30am for rides on the church bus. Reservations required by 12noon on Monday, September 16th. Contact Marsha Swantz via email: dls-mls@hotmail.com or call (503) 422-2495.

Contemplative Prayer: "Take my life, and let it be a living prayer, my God to thee." ~ Alison Kraus
This series prepares us to experience daily life as prayer and communion with God. For those who joined us last spring, we will revisit breath prayer, centering prayer, welcoming prayer and lectio divina, and we will explore visio divina, prayer in our bodies, prayer in motion, and prayer in creation. As much as possible, we ask you to participate in all six sessions – or as many as you are able: part of the richness of prayer together is the community built in this small prayer group. RSVP is not necessary but appreciated: pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com. Gatherings: Upper Shalom, Wednesday 10:30-11:30am, Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16. Facilitated by Lisa Knudsen, Pr. Beth, and guests.

Table Talks: Rev. Mark Brocker, Theologian in Residence will resume monthly Table Talks Wednesday, September 25th from 7-8pm via Zoom and Saturday, September 28th at 11am in the Conference Room. Please read the article, "The Political Responsibility of the Church." Scan the QR code for the Zoom link and article or pick up a copy in the Narthex.

St. Luke Book Fair! October 13-20th. Drop off your book donations in the library beginning Sept. 29th.

Serve

Christmas in September food drive! 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

Table Talk

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Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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 *O God, My Faithful God*

Red Hymnal no. 806

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 p. 98

Prayer of the Day

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Reading James 3:1-12
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Red Hymnal pg. 102

Gospel Reading Mark 8:27-38
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Sermon Response *Lift High the Cross* Red Hymnal no. 660

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

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

Passing of the Peace

Meal

Offertory *The Lord is a Mighty God* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) Arr. By O.C. Christiansen [Rejoice Choir]

Offering Prayer

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue Red Hymnal pg. 107
Preface
Holy, Holy, Holy Red Hymnal pg. 108

Words of Institution
Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God Red Hymnal pg. 112

Communion Hymns

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken
For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Purple Hymnal no. 966
Red Hymnal no. 494

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 *The Summons (vs 1-2, 4-5)*

Red Hymnal no. 798

Dismissal

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

Postlude