



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

9:15 am Worship Service



St. Luke
LUTHERAN CHURCH

4595 SW California St.

Portland, OR 97219

503-246-2325

www.stlukechurch.com

Gathering in Worship

Greater Things

Jacob Sooter, Johnathan Smith, Mack Brock

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Welcome

Pr. Beth Brashear

Table Talk

Laura Golino de Lovato
Executive Director, NW Pilot Project - NWPP

Message

Children invited forward to light the Gospel

Scripture Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Jim van Horn, reader

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

Children dismissed to Children's Church

Sermon

Pr. Patti Welch

Community Prayer

Enter a sacred time of community prayer. Led by a pastor and graced with uplifting melodies, we invite you to offer up your heartfelt prayers. Share your joys and concerns, intertwining your voice with others. Together, let us create a tapestry of unity and support. Embrace the power of communal prayer, as our collective spirits soar.

Offering

Mighty to Save

Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

Holy Communion

Words of Remembrance

The Meal

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) John Newton, Chris Tomlin, and Louie Giglio

Blessing

Sending Song *Forever*

Chris Tomlin

Thank You for joining us in Worship!

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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 flowers are given by Joe and Bucky Beattie for their 51st anniversary.

Worship: In Holy Communion, Christ enters our lives anew: all who hunger to grow in connection with God are welcome to partake. Ushers will invite you forward via the center aisle to receive Communion bread. Wine (red) and grape juice (clear) are in the tray by the pastors.

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

Table Talk: Today's Table Talk will feature Laura Golino de Lovato speaking about NWPP (Northwest Pilot Project).

Prayers for the Departed: **Joan Rohrer & Lisa Boylan** (Joan's daughter); **Marian Throne, Louise Grande, Bea Beatch** (mother of Karen Stabeno), **Gene Maier** (father of Jonathan & David Maier), **Frederick Greb, Nate Perkins** (former member and SLY adult leader), **Carl Eckerle** (Joan Frazer's brother-in-law); **Bill Davidson** (Joan Frazer's brother), **Betty Koester, Robin Dustan** (Mark Dustan's sister), **Tom Lahiff** (Carolyn and Jim Loch's brother-in-law), **John Cupper** (Maripat Hensel's father), **Freda Tremper, Donald Munson, Charlie Adams** (husband of Carol Adams), **Lowell Timm** (Miriam Green's brother), **Gervais Kossou** (brother-in-law of Christophe Senah), **Messanvi Kpadenou** (cousin to Christophe Senah).

Prayer List: **Barbara Brocker** (stepmother of Mark Brocker - recovering after fall); **Sybil Tremper** (lymphoma), **Tom & Julie Anderson** (Tom's hip post-surgery), **John Jackson** (recovering from a fall), **Don Alrick** (heart attack), **John Chesnutt** (post-hospitalization), **Bob Howell** (hospice/brother of Leanne Van Horn), **Dale Vaughan** (healing from fall), **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** (post-surgery cancer treatments), **Tim Spofford** (strokes/Cathy Spofford's brother-in-law), **Carolyn Jackson** (hospice), **Henry Heuer** (leg surgery/brother of Gary Heuer), **Dave Simmons, Gloria Miniszewski, Bev Westlund** (knee surgery), **Sandra Hamari** (metastatic cancer), **Meri Alrick** (lung surgery), **Jackie McQuiston** (surgery), **Georgann Dustan** (post-surgery), **Lisa Ring** (surgery), **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

Worship Team Workshop! Our Director of Music, Gerry Brenes will host a worship team workshop set for September 24th from 12-1pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome (aspiring talents too!) to come and sing and play along with old and new songs. Snacks will be provided for a joyful time. Feel free to participate or simply come to listen and watch the musical magic unfold. For more details, contact

gerry@stlukechurch.com

Benson Family Foundation: Nominations are being accepted from congregational members for potential 2023 grant requests from the Benson Family Foundation. Pick up a nomination form in the Narthex or visit stlukechurch.com to access the [fillable nomination form](#). *Nominations are due by October 15, 2023.*

Serve

Church Council: St. Luke's Council will meet after the 10:30am service today.

2023-2024 Christ Kin: Christ Kin is an intentional 1:1 ministry that pairs a St. Luke Middle Schooler with a caring adult in the St. Luke Community. It begins with a "Secret Santa" dynamic: the Christ Kin (adult) is given the name of their middle school student, but the student doesn't learn the name of their Christ Kin until the Reveal event. During the "Secret Santa" phase, Christ Kin and students correspond via letter using pouches that will be setup in the Ministry Center. Visit our website's insert at stlukechurch.com to [learn more](#) or email Pastor Beth pastorbeth@stlukechurch.com

Financial Volunteers: St Luke is looking for volunteers to support one of our most dear missions - to manage the financial resources God has blessed us with. We are a church which prioritizes service and giving to our community. We need a few members to share their time and skills to maintain and care for our financial health. These jobs range from 2-5 hours a month. You would be working with other St Luke members as well as the Pastors and staff. The roles and responsibilities of each position are well defined and there are people to train/support you. We thank you for your prayerful consideration! Contact Pastor Patti:

pastorpatti@stlukechurch.com

Christmas in September! Our Christmas in September food drive continues! This is our annual gathering of items for the NE Emergency Food Program (NEFP). We will be gathering items from September 3-30th. All are invited to choose one or more items from the Christmas in September tree found in the narthex, purchase the item(s) and return them under the tree. The items needed most are ready-to-eat food items and hygiene products. Bring your bagged items to the church on Sunday mornings. Checks can be made out to NEFP. All donations will be delivered to NEFP the 1st week in October. Thank you for helping us serve our NE neighbors!

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

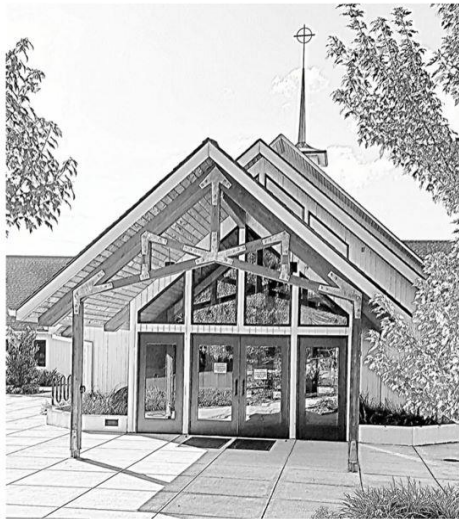
Kim Weber, Children's Ministry

Annamarie Pearson, Administrative Assistant & Organist

Raingard Kuhse, Executive Assistant

Dawn Juliano, Bookkeeper & Payroll Specialist

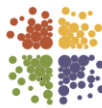
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Gathering

Prelude *All Nature Sings*

Alfred V. Fedak, TERRA BEATA

Welcome and Announcements

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Table Talk

Laura Golino de Lovato,
Executive Director of NW Pilot Project - NWPP

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

#359

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: Genesis 50:15-21 Walt Brickwedel, reader

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

Anthem *The Gift of Love* American Folk Tune Arr. by Hal Hopson Rejoice Choir

Second Reading: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

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

Gospel Acclamation pg. 102

“We have an advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous; your sins are forgiven on account of his name.”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20 Pr. Patti Welch

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

Sermon

Sermon Response *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive* vs. 1 & 2 #605

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People , reader

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prayer Response *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive* vs. 4 #605

Peace

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

The Offering

Offertory Music *Morning* Beatrice A. Miller

Offertory Prayer

God of power, **God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving Dialogue pg. 107

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy pg. 108

Words of Institution

....to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen pg. 109

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God pg. 112

Communion Hymns

Before the Waters Nourished Earth

Tune: ST. COLUMBA

O God of Every Nation

#713

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessed be your name, **O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Benediction

Benediction Response *Deep Peace*

Traditional Celtic

Sending Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory*

#705

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Postludium

Bryan Hesford, Opus 58