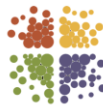




Reign of Christ Sunday

November 26, 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

*He Is Exalted
King of Glory*

Twila Paris
Brett Younker

Welcome

Pr. Beth Brashear

Message

Children invited forward to light the Gospel

Scripture Reading Matthew 25:31-46

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

Children dismissed to Children's Church

Sermon

Pr. Beth Brashear

Offering

Let Everything (Praise the Lord)

Pat Barrett

Holy Communion

Words of Remembrance

The Meal

Mighty to Save

Reuben Morgan

Blessing

Sending Song

Let the Praises Ring

Lincoln Brewster

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.

Today's flowers are given by Joan Bridgman in memory of her sister, Kathy Bridgman.

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 is open offering care to children ages birth – 5 years every Sunday during the second service (10-15-11:45am). *The nursery will be closed Sunday, December 24th and Sunday, December 31st.*

Upcoming Worship Schedule: *(all services livestreamed on YouTube “@StLukeChurchPortland” and Facebook “St. Luke Lutheran Church”)*

- **Holden Evening Prayer:** Wednesdays, November 29, December 6, 13, 20 from 6:30-7pm in the Sanctuary.
- **Fourth Sunday in Advent:** Sunday, December 24, *one service only* at 10:30am.
- **Christmas Eve Services:** Sunday, December 24 - 3pm, 5pm, & 10:30pm. *No service on December 25.*
- **Sunday, December 31:** *One service only* at 10:30am.

Prayers for the Departed: **Claire Amsden** (mother of Bill Amsden); **Wilbur Menicosy**; **Carolyn Jackson**; **Joan Rohrer & Lisa Boylan** (Joan's daughter); **Marian Throne, Louise Grande, Gene Maier** (father of Jonathan & David Maier), **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).

Prayer List: **Arlys Chesnutt** (hospitalization); **Craig Brustad** (Janet Salvador's brother); **Cindy Gibbon** (cancer treatment); **Mary Brocker** (breast cancer surgery/Mark and Donna Brocker's daughter); **Marleen Roth** (fractured pelvic bone); **Don Alrick** (triple bypass surgery); **Barbara Brocker** (stepmother of Mark Brocker - recovering after fall); **Sybil Tremper** (lymphoma), **John Jackson** (recovering from a fall), **John Chesnutt** (post-hospitalization), **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** (brain cancer surgery #2), **Tim Spofford** (strokes/Cathy Spofford's brother-in-law), **Dave Simmons, Bev Westlund** (knee surgery), **Sandra Hamari** (metastatic cancer), **Michael Butler** (cancer and surgery), **Elaine Woodward** (stroke), **John Jessen, Dee Mills, Jeremy Eckhardt** and those incarcerated.

Connect:

Pr. Patti will be on vacation: 11/26-12/2. Pr. Beth will be the pastor on call.

Advent Festival! Come for holiday crafting and hot chocolate Saturday, December 2nd from 2-4 pm. This fun, beloved traditional "Advent Festival" is always the first weekend in December. This event is free and open to all - great especially for kids as our crafts are simple so many can enjoy rotating through completing several projects. Kick off the season with crafting items that can be enjoyed in your homes or gifted to someone you love: decorating cedar branches, decorating advent candles, gum drop snowflakes, giftbag decorating (and more)!

FAB Outing to Visit Pittock Mansion: On Wednesday, December 6, our FAB (Fifty and Beyond) group will visit holiday-decorated Pittock Mansion, followed by lunch at Sandovals Cafe. Meet at church at 9:30am for rides on the church bus. **Reservations are required by 5pm Sunday, December 3rd:** Contact Marsha Swantz, dls-mls@hotmail.com or (503) 422-2495.

Serve:

Grateful Generosity: It is the generosity of God that makes possible all that we have and all that we are. The generosity of the Holy Spirit's presence makes it possible for us to perceive and interpret our lives and our possessions through the eyes of faith and gratitude. In response you are invited to act with grateful generosity. Consider and pray about how you will respond. You are invited to bring a statement of intent card for our offering plate or drop it off at the office. Digital cards are also available by going to www.stlukechurch.com and clicking "Give" (or scan QR code).



Communion Help - Table Setup, Cleaning, or Assisting/Serving Sign-Ups:



➤ Would you like to contribute to the communion service by serving during the services? If so, we would greatly appreciate your help! Scan the QR code to sign up!



➤ Another way to support the communion service is by preparing the table. You can help by setting the table and/or cleaning afterward. If you're interested in lending a hand, please scan the QR code to sign up for a Sunday (or Sundays) after a service of your choice. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact

Melody: Melody.Drangstveit@gmail.com; (503) 312-7785.

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN

9am-5pm, Monday-Friday:

Church Office (503) 246-2325

9am-5pm any day: RuJeanne Anderson (503) 297-2246

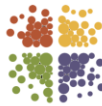
5pm-10pm any day: Carol Greene, 503-245-4189



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Gathering

Prelude

Fanfare Prelude on 'Old Hundredth'

Douglas E. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

Pr. Beth Brashear

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✠ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Come and Be Joyful

Antonio Vivaldi

Gathering Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

#434

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 of power and might, **your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Carrie Laurence, reader

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

pg. 102

“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.”

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Pr. Patti Welch

Sermon

Sermon Response *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* vs. 1-3

#659

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People
God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Walt Brickwedel, reader

Prayer Response *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* vs. 4 & 5

#659

Peace

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

Offering

Offertory Music *All Glory be to God on High*

F.W. Zachow

Offertory Prayer

God of all goodness, **generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving Dialogue pg. 107

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy pg. 108

Words of Institution

...for as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died pg. 109

Amen pg. 109

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God pg. 112

Communion Anthem *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Carlton Young

Communion Hymns

The King of Love My Shepherd Is #502

Thine the Amen #826

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus, **in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.**

Benediction

Sending Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #855

Dismissal

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* Lani Smith