



In Preparation for Worship

“Blessed are you who realize there is simply not enough—time, money, resources. Blessed are you who are tired of pretending that raw effort is the secret to perfection. It’s not. And you know that now. Blessed are you who need a gentle reminder that even now, even today, God is here, and somehow, that is good enough.”

- Kate Bowler, *Good Enough*

Peeling of the Bells & Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Beethoven (arr. D. Wagner)

Festival Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Children of God: welcome!

People: **Welcome to this place of love and grace.**

Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

People: **God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.**

Leader: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

People: **We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.**

Leader: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn* 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Prayer of the Day*

Loving God,

We can't do this alone. Come into the hard places and be with us, bless us, that we might find a way through, that there might be comfort and even some love and peace in the midst of it.

Give us eyes to see what you see, and hearts to love what you love.

Give us the gift of hope, that we might take hold of what we have been given and make something of it.

Grant us the gift of faith, that we might look to what is not yet seen, and trust that you are leading us there.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise* 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer for Illumination

Kay Loerch

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sacrament of Baptism for Andrew David VanderBoom & Frances Rensje VanderBoom

Joining us today are parents Mark and Elizabeth VanderBoom; Theo VanderBoom (grandfather); Andrea Hoekzema Thompson and Christine Hoekema (Elizabeth's sisters); and Tomson, Karen (Mark's sister) and Elise Karivelil. Today's sanctuary flowers are given in memoriam for Elizabeth's parents, David and Frances Hoekzema; Elizabeth's brother, Mark Andrew Hoekzema; and for Mark's mother, Rensje VanderBoom.

Children are welcome to come forward for the baptism. After the baptism, parents will walk children across courtyard to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 119 (PreK and K). 1st through 5th graders will gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to 252Kid and 252Preteen. Parents will pick up from The Dock and The Lighthouse. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Hymn 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Andrew & Frances into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support them, to share the good news of the gospel with them, and to help them know and follow Christ.

Choral Anthem

It Is a Precious Thing

Johann Peter

Lindsey Sanders, soprano and Alex Prior, baritone

Sermon

A Good Enough Blessing

Shannon Dill

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering

Be Thou My Vision

Irish Hymn (arr. David Abramsky)

Michelle Moebes, flute

All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:

- 1) Giving envelopes, cash, or checks may be placed in the offering plates as passed or available in the narthex after worship,
- 2) Give online via slpres.org/giving,
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

Closing Hymn* 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

Benediction*

Postlude*

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!

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