

Worship Guide

Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 30, 2023

Welcome to Saint Luke's!

In Preparation for Worship

"Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God!" - Cory Asbury

Prelude Softly and Tenderly Will L. Thompson, arr. Bill Wolaver

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Friends, let's gather together with glad and generous hearts.

People: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Leader: Let's break bread together and share our lives in common.

People: Let's give what we can to all who have needs so that all may have enough.

Leader: Let's devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

People: For in this way God adds to us every day.

Opening Hymn* 246

Christ is Alive!

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example.

We do not always care for each other as you do, and we leave one another in harm's way.

We tend to go astray, departing from your will for us.

Lead us back into your fold, bring us back together, and guard our souls with your grace and power.

With gratitude we pray, now also the prayers on each of our hearts...

(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise* #608

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below, praise Holy Spirit evermore, praise triune God whom we adore!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 10:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Children are welcome to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. After Tell Us Our Story, 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.

Anthem

Sermon Jesus the Gate David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate;

was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 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.

Moment for Mission - The "Packed With Love" Project

Amanda Lower & Laurie Munn

The Offering Come! Live in the Light! David Haas

Chancel Choir

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

- 1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.
- 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* 649

Amazing Grace

Benediction*

Postlude* Festive Voluntary on "Lasst Uns Erfreuen"

Phil Lehenbauer

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

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