



Welcome to Saint Luke's!

In Preparation for Worship

“One thing is for sure: there is no sense of absence where there has been no sense of presence.” –Barbara Brown Taylor

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Shout for joy, sing songs of praise!

People: **For God reigns over all the earth!**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout!

People: **Let us worship God with songs of adoration!**

Opening Hymn* 641

When in Our Music God is Glorified

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God, we confess that our faith can sometimes weaken,

Our love for others can grow faint, our prayers can become timid, and our gratitude can slow and fall.

When we look toward heaven and feel distant, you draw near us in mercy.

Fill us with your freedom and your power, through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected savior.

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* 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Merritt Jean Freyman

Joining us today are parents Jeremy and Dana Freyman, siblings Henley and Baylor; grandparents Bill & Linda Schmidt, aunts Devon Phillips and Jocelyn Freyman; uncles Stan Phillips and Andy Freyman, cousins Everett Phillips, Owen and Ellie Freyman. Attending virtually online: grandparents Deb and Mac McLean.

Affirmation of Faith*

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.

Response Hymn* 482 Baptized in Water

Following the elder's statement the congregation shall respond:

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 1:6-14

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.

Sermon But Wait, There's More

Shannon Dill

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 With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

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* 463 How Firm a Foundation

Benediction*

Choral Amen from The Lord Bless and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

Postlude* Alleluia Toccata

Fenton Groden

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

If you would like to share prayer concerns, or know someone who would (with their permission), you may submit prayer requests for inclusion in the Prayer Guide by sending them to prayerrequest@slpres.org.

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