



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

Sonata, D.960, I. Molto moderato

Franz Schubert

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: We journey in the presence of God.

People: **And we do not journey alone.**

Leader: Like our ancestors, we are blessed to be a blessing.

People: **Let us give our thanks and give our lives and give our songs in praise!**

Opening Hymn* 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Prayer of the Day*

God of the ages, we come into this holy space asking for your blessing,
only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us.

Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation in the beauty all around us.

Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in story and song this day.

Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith
through the greeting of a friend or the smile of a stranger.

And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing to a world in need of love and peace.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song of Praise* 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Michael Sanchez

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.

Special Music

He shall feed his flock, from *The Messiah*
G.F. Handel

Morgan Potts & Lindsey Sanders

Sermon

Blessed to be a Blessing

David Lower

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.

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 Endowment

Live Forward. Give Forward.

Rich Crutchfield

The Offering

The Lord's Prayer *A.H. Malotte, arr. C.D. Anderson*

David Clark

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* 51

To Abraham and Sarah

Benediction*

Postlude*

Prelude on "St. Anne's" tune

Alan Gray

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

For the latest Saint Luke's news and information, go to slpres.org.

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.