



Welcome to Saint Luke's!

In Preparation for Worship

"... faith means wrestling with God as Jacob once wrestled with an angel." –Jonathan Sacks

Chiming of the Hour and Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington, arr. Brent Edstrom

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: In our need, God meets us.

People: **We gather here in anticipation of an encounter with the Lord our God.**

Leader: God often comes among us when we least expect it.

People: **God is present even in our wrestling with questions and doubts.**

Leader: God is present in our wrestling with questions and doubts.

People: **God blesses us and calls us each by name.**

Leader: Let's worship God together!

Opening Hymn* 450

Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of the Day*

Merciful God, your stories remind us that you show up even in our struggles.

We confess that we often get overwhelmed with pressures and fears and doubts.

Sometimes it is hard to remember that you are always with us, even in our unsettled times.

Help us to look for you, find you, and hold on to you, especially when we are worried or afraid.

Help us to look for each other, find each other, and hold on to each other, to be like you for one another.

We thank you for the way you are, and the way you show us to be,

made fully known for us in Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray. Amen.

Song of Praise*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

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.

Special Music

Let Them Be Little

Richie McDonald & Billy Dean

Ron Valdes

Sermon

Faithful Wrestling

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.

The Offering

As the Deer

Beth Eisenmesser & Michelle Moebes

Martin Nystrom, arr. John F. Wilson

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* 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Benediction*

Postlude*

Sonata Op. 65, No. 2, III. Allegro

Felix Mendelssohn

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 prayers (concerns or joys) with us, or know someone who would (with their permission), you may submit prayer requests for inclusion in the church community Prayer Guide by sending to prayerrequest@slpres.org.