



Welcome to Saint Luke's!

In Preparation for Worship

“If we take eternity to mean not infinite temporal duration, but timelessness, then eternal life belongs to those who live in the present.” — Ludwig Wittgenstein

Prelude

Sonata No. 30, Op. 109

Ludwig van Beethoven

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

People: **where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink the water of life.**

Leader: We come, for God welcomes us here, into that home called grace:

People: **where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced.**

Leader: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

People: **where even the imprisoned are not alone, where the sick are also cradled in God's peace.**

Leader: Then let us go forward together with our songs of thanks and praise!

Opening Hymn* 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Prayer of the Day*

God, Loving Parent of the poor,

your Son Jesus was born among us poor, humble, and dependent.

Open our eyes and our hearts and our hands to honor him now as our Lord and King

by welcoming him in those who are hungry and thirsty,

in all who are abandoned and lonely, in refugees, in the poor and the sick.

May we share in your kingship by serving you in the poor and the humble.

Let our love become free and spontaneous, like the tenderness you have shown us in your Son.

Welcome us in the everlasting Kingdom prepared for us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise* 605

Praise to God the Father

Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son; praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three-in-One.

Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high. Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

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	Sicilienne, Op. 78	<i>Gabriel Fauré</i>	Jacob Moebes
Sermon	The Ultimate		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	My Song is Love Unknown <i>arr. Donald Busarow</i>	Rebecca Miller & Michelle Moebes
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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* 757	Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
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Benediction*

Postlude*	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	Johann Gottfried Walther
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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.