



Welcome to Saint Luke's – September 10, 2023

## In Preparation for Worship

“This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.”

### Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Fred Bock

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship\*

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
 People: **This is the day that the Lord has made.**  
 Leader: We will rejoice and be glad in it!  
 People: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**  
 Leader: Let us worship God, who loves us!  
 People: **Let us worship God, who loves us!**

### Opening Hymn\* 730

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God  
*stanza 1: choir stanzas 2 & 3: all*

### Prayer for the Day\*

Dear Jesus, thank you.  
 We know that you have lived here as one of us, and that you know what it’s like to be a child,  
 and to feel everything that children feel.  
 Thank you for caring for all children, and showing us how to do the same.  
 Thank you for giving adults among us everything we need to encourage, nurture and provide for children,  
 and anyone who has need.  
 Help us to be our best for each other at every age!  
 In your holy name we pray. Amen.

### 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

Welton LeNoir Van Leuvan

Shannon Dill

*Joining us today are Lindsey and Justin Van Leuvan (parents), as well as Terri Potter (grandmother), Randy Potter (grandfather), Vicki Wronski (grandmother), Richard Van Leuvan (grandfather), Drew Van Leuvan (uncle), Megan Clark (aunt), Jake Clark (uncle), Hudson Clark (cousin), Harrison Clark (cousin) and Ron Davis (friend).*

### 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

**Welcome**

*Following the elder's statement the congregation shall respond...*

With joy and thanksgiving,

we welcome Welton 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.

**Moment for Recognition of the Saint Luke's Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten**

**Special Music**

This Little Light of Mine

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 18:1-5

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*At this time, parents may 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**

Jesus Put a Child Among Them

David Lower

**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**

Sing and Shout Praises

Eric Stover

*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](http://slpres.org/giving).*

*3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

**Closing Hymn\* 487**

These Treasured Children (Verses 1, 4, & 5)

**Benediction\***

**Choral Amen\***

**Postlude\***

When the Saints Go Marching In

arr. Mark Hayes

Many thanks to our guest musician, Paul Campbell!

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

For the latest Saint Luke's news and information, go to [slpres.org](http://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](mailto:prayerrequest@slpres.org).



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