



Welcome to Saint Luke's – September 17, 2023

## In Preparation for Worship

“Be kind to people whether they deserve your kindness or not. If your kindness reaches the deserving, good for you; if your kindness reaches the undeserving, take joy in your compassion.” — James Fadiman and Robert Frager

### Prelude

So Send I You

John W. Peterson, arr. Norman Johnson

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship\*

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

### Opening Hymn\* 49

The God of Abraham Praise

### Prayer of Confession\*

Holy God of Mercy,  
We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,  
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.  
Hear now the silent prayers of our hearts... *(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy  
People: Hear our prayers. 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.

## Welcome of New Members

### Prayer for Illumination

Mitchell Davis

### Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

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 120 (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.*

## Anthem

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel L. Schutte, arr. Jack Schrader

## Sermon

God is Here and Hears

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.

## Tartan Trot Kickoff Moment

T.J. McGoldrick

## The Offering

Étude Op. 10, No. 3

Frédéric Chopin

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- 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](https://slpres.org/giving).*
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

## Closing Hymn\* 543

God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

## Benediction\*

## Postlude\*

Toccata No. 2 on LEONI

arr. Joel Raney

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

For the latest Saint Luke's news and information, go to [slpres.org](https://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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