



Welcome to Saint Luke's – November 5, 2023
All Saints Sunday

In Preparation for Worship

"I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying." — Nelson Mandela

Prelude

Encourage One Another

Mark Burrows

Children's Choir

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: We praise you, O God, for the saints who have blazed a trail of faith and courage through time:

People: **We praise you for those set apart in the world by their faith in you, and their lives that stand for you.**

Leader: For all the saints who now worship forever in your presence, we praise you!

People: **Surrounded by such witnesses, nurtured in worship and work, let us joyfully give our praise to God!**

Opening Hymn* 326

For All the Saints

Prayer of Confession*

Faithful God, you have called us all to be saints, reflections of your grace.

Forgive us for the times when we have preferred the darkness of our sin to the brightness of your glory.

When we are tempted to forget our calling, remind us once again of the stories of your faithful people, who now surround us in this great communion of saints.

Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

(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.

Scripture Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Michael Sanchez

All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children via the covered sidewalk to Room 120 for "Frolic" (ages PreK and K) or Room 117 for childcare (birth through 3's.) Since this is Family Worship Sunday all elementary children will remain in worship with their families so that they may participate in Communion. Worship books and other faith formation resources are available on the worship carts and ledges in the narthex. At the conclusion of worship, any family seeking to learn more about children and communion may come to the front of the sanctuary to learn more about communion from a pastor and receive resources to continue the conversation at home.

Sermon

Inheritance of the Saints

David Lower

Litany of Remembrance (responsively)

Eternal God, not bound by time, we give you heartfelt thanks for all the saints who have gone before us, who work beside us, who live beyond us.

Open us to their presence among us: the words of prophets on our lips, the sweat of the saints coursing through our veins, the visions of mystics before our eyes, the love of those who embraced poverty moving our muscles to acts of compassion.

With all the saints, today we remember especially the members of the Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church family who died in the last year:

Libby Neely
Karleen Buchholz
Carolyn Wasserman
Eric Powell

(After these names are read, you are invited to say aloud the names of deceased family and friends you are remembering.)

May we be so caught up in their Alleluia, our lives vibrating, like theirs, with the pulse of eternity, until the very foundations of this old world begin to rumble and give way to your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal *arr. Alice Parker*

Chancel Choir

Moment for Commitment

Mitchell Davis

The Offering

Deep River *arr. Joel Raney*

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* 375

Shall We Gather at the River

Benediction*

Postlude*

Blest Be the Tie That Binds *arr. Roger C. Wilson*

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 permission), you may submit prayer requests for the Prayer Guide by sending to prayerrequest@slpres.org.



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