



Welcome to Saint Luke's!
January 7, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

"As Christians our baptism joins us to Christ. We share in being named and claimed by God. This isn't primarily to fill our need to feel accepted and loved, though it certainly does that. When we forget our baptism, we forget who and whose we are. The world insists that we belong to ourselves, our employer, our family, our children's school or sports team, or the government of our country. As Christians we reject all these claims of ownership; we belong to God. It is about God's purposes, and through our baptism we no longer live for ourselves, we now live to, for and with God."

- Heather Carlson, Ekklesia Project

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Communion *Alexander Guilmant*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We are seeking—
People: **deeper faith, a place to belong, the feeling that God is here in this room.**
Leader: We are seeking—
People: **joy that overflows, the movement of the Spirit, a hand to hold when alone in the dark.**
Leader: We are seeking—
People: **the freedom to be, the courage to love, the conviction to act in the face of injustice.**
Leader: We are seeking, but here in this space,
People: **we are found.**
Leader: Take a deep breath. This is your sanctuary.
People: **God is here. We are found. Amen.**

Hymn #24

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Prayer for the Day

Merciful God, you have come to us and given yourself for us in Christ; you have taken our nature upon him, and revealed him to us at his baptism in the River Jordan.
Grant that we, who have been born of water and the Holy Spirit, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Song of Praise #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Moment for Saint Luke's Little Saints

Kathryn & Austin Olive
Bailey & Mitchell Dean

Sacrament of Baptism

Robert Thomas Brown Gillespie

David Lower and Edna Banes

Joining us today are parents Bess and Ben Gillespie; grandparents Robert and Barbara Harkey, and Margaret and Tom Gillespie; aunt and uncle Austin and Allison Gillespie; godparents Isobel & Kelvin Herbert (with son Christian); great aunt Judy Payne; and cousins Andrew Payne, Kelly & Annabelle Wynn, and Vicky Jones.

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 Robbie into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ.
We promise to love, encourage, and support him, to share the good news of the gospel with him, and to help him to know and follow Christ.**

All children are invited to come forward for the baptism. 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

Sacramental

David Lower

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

Down in the River to Pray David L. Mennicke

Chancel Choir

The Offering

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore Cesareo Gabaraín

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 inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate 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.*

Hymn #164

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata No. 8 on HANSON Robert Lowry, 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.

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.