



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
April 21, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

“Jesus is the good shepherd because he will take up his life again in the resurrection AND the ascension, the resurrection being our promise of life here and now and the promise of life in our future; the ascension being the abiding place that Jesus prepares for the ones he loves. That is what’s good about a shepherd.” – *Karoline Lewis*

Prelude

Sonata in A, W.55/4
C.P.E. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Come with joy and see the love God has given to us.

People: Come and see what it means to be beloved children of God.

Leader: Come with hope; discover Christ's presence in the world and one another.

People: With joy and hope, we come to see the Lord and sing our praise.

Opening Hymn* 396

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Prayer of Confessions

Good Shepherd, you look after us all our days, yet we often take your care for granted. In the midst of your many blessings, we tend to complain of not having enough. In the presence of danger, we struggle to trust your abiding love. When you set a table before us, we can turn away from you and what you have made. Call us back into your care and help us trust your caring presence, that our actions may proclaim your truth. We also pray the silent prayers on 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 Thanksgiving*

Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Prayer for Illumination

Kay Loerch

Scripture Reading

John 10:11-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

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.

Anthem

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
arr. Vicki Hancock Wright

Chancel Choir
Michelle Moebes, flute

Sermon

The Good Shepherd

David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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

Gentle Shepherd
arr. Fred Bock

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* 542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again, *stanzas 1-3*

Benediction*

Postlude*

Celtic Fantasy on Azmon
Michael Ware

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.