



Worship Services at 8:45am and 9:30am
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
April 28, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

"Everyone longs to be loved. And the greatest thing we can do is to let people know that they are loved and capable of loving." - Mr. Rogers

Prelude

Come As You Are
Ben Glover, David Crowder, & Matt Maher

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Christ is the true vine, and we are the branches.
People: **We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**
Leader: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.
People: **Those who abide in Christ abide in love, and God abides in them.**
Leader: We love because God first loved us.
People: **May we grow in love for God, ourselves, and others as God tends lovingly to us.**

Opening Hymn* 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, *stanzas 1 & 3*

Prayer for the Day*

O God, giver of life,
We confess the times when we fail to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.
God, forgive us when we ignore, or we fail to see our neighbors in need. Abiding God, also forgive us when we reject love from others, and shut down completely. As we confess the times when we did not tend to our own needs and deny ourselves of your forgiveness and grace.
In our failures, we have refused your invitation to grow closer to you. Confident in your loving mercy we pray. Here now the silent prayers on our hearts (*a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers*)

Song of Thanksgiving*

Halle, Halle, Halle

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

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-8

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

Sacrament of Baptism (8:45)

Ava Marie Lewis

David Lower

Joining us today are parents Rachel & Ryan Lewis, along with Greg & Laura Calhoun (grandparents), Joyce Calhoun (great grandmother), and John & Sarah Mixson (aunt/uncle) and Ross & Elizabeth Uhlar (aunt/uncle).

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 #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Welcome

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

**With joy and thanksgiving,
we welcome Ava 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.**

Sermon

Senior Reflections

Elli McGoldrick, Eliza Thatcher, and Matt Lower

Holy Communion (8:45)

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

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* 450

Be Thou My Vision, stanzas 1 & 4

Benediction*

Postlude*

Duetto

Felix Mendelssohn

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.