



10:30 Worship Service  
Welcome to Saint Luke's!  
May 5, 2024

## In Preparation for Worship

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” – Jesus

### Prelude

Bénédiction de Dieu dans la solitude  
*Franz Liszt*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship\*

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

People: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord.

### Opening Hymn\* 515

I Come with Joy

### Prayer of Confessions

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Command of us what you will, and give us what you command. Give us the love that you require of us. Fill our whole heart with love for you that becomes a whole-hearted love for our neighbor.

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

Carol Hickey

### Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Tell Us Our Story

Shannon Dill

*All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children 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 Chapel narthex. At the conclusion of worship, any family seeking to learn more about children and communion may come to the front of the Chapel to learn more about communion from a pastor and receive resources to continue the conversation at home.*

## Sermon

Abide in Love

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.

## Holy Communion

### Invitation to Table

### Prayers 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

Abide With Me  
*Brent Edstrom*

## The Offering

Keep God's Light  
*Mark Patterson*

Chancel Choir

*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](http://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\*

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go  
*arr. Marilyn Thomspson*

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

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