



Welcome to Saint Luke's!
May 19, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

"Jesus' words and deeds have made visible the identity of God. So also the Spirit will continue to make God visible in the life of the church." – Sharon Ringe, Professor of New Testament, Wesley Theological Seminary

Prelude

When Morning Gilds The Skies
arr. D. Linda McKechnie

Festival Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

People: **For God has done wondrous things for us.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind.

People: **Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's gracious presence with us!**

Opening Hymn* 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer for the Day*

Holy God, on this day of Pentecost, may the moving of your Spirit not be to us a chasing after the wind, but a warm breeze of hope. As your church, may we act as one body to bring love, joy, and your grace to every generation and people. And may we have the wisdom to receive these things graciously. Then, send us forth to search for all who sit in the shadowed corners of our world, yearning for someone to come and find them, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, came to find us. Amen.

Song of Praise*

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 15: 26-27, 16:4b-15

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Children are welcome to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. After Tell Us Our Story, adult leaders will walk preschool and elementary children to class. Parents may pick up in room 120 (3's & pre-K) and The Dock (elementary) following worship. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Sermon

What's Next

Shannon Dill

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.

Ordination and Installation of New Elders and Deacons

Prayer of Ordination 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

Walk in the Light
Jon Barnard

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.*
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

Closing Hymn* 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Celebration of and Thanksgiving for Carol Perry, Director Saint Luke's Little Saints

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

A Grand Celebration
Derek K. Hakes

Festival Ringers

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.