



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
May 26, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

"In the face of overwhelming odds, courage brings forth a hidden strength." – *anonymous*

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Our strength is in God.

People: Despite sorrows and sadness, anxieties and vexations, we praise your name, O Lord.

Leader: With Hannah, the mother of sorrows, we bless the name of the Lord, today and forever.

People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, God is with us.

Leader: For the power of the Lord gives us strength, and the love of the Lord gives us hope.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord. We praise your holy name, O God.

Opening Hymn* 612

We Praise You, O God

Prayer of Confession

Rock of Salvation, you give strength to the feeble; you exalt the poor and lift up the needy.

We praise your holy name from morning to night,

yet we build walls that separate us: from you, from one another, from the world, even from ourselves.

We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth.

We are led astray by promises of earthly treasure.

We confess our fallibility and seek solace in the mother of our joy.

Teach us to pray and praise without pause, confessing hope ceaselessly.

Guide us in our efforts to encourage one another, to work together for good in the world,
and to prepare for the day of the Lord.

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*

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

1 Sam 1-2 excerpts

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 to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 120 (PreK and K). 1st through 5th graders may gather in the Chapel narthex and walk with leaders to The Dock, where parents will pick up after worship. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Music

Prayer
Beethoven, arr. K. Lee Scott

Lindsey Sanders, soprano

Sermon

Summer Storytime: Beginnings

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

Sonata Op. 57, II. Andante con moto
Ludwig van Beethoven

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* 743

O God, You Are My God, *sing twice*

Benediction*

Postlude*

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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.