



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
October 6, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

“And life according to John means that what you need for your life to be sustained God provides, that life is abundant (10:10), that eternal life is not something you can conveniently and conventionally postpone to your future but is your promise in the present, that any claim about life with Jesus, life with God, means an abiding, a unity, a reciprocity, and oneness. It means real relationship, here and now, life that is not a remembrance of Jesus’ past life or a hope for a future life but life lived in the moment as God’s grace upon grace (1:16).” –Karoline Lewis

Prelude

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
arr. Mark Sedio

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Come with what you have. You who celebrate, you who doubt, you who grieve, you who suffer, you who struggle, you who seek.
People: **We come, all of us, in the comfort of one another to discover God’s love for us.**
Leader: Come with what you have. Bring your questions, bring your hopes, bring your fears, bring it all.
People: **We come with all we have, and lay it all down at the altar of grace.**
All: **We come, all of us, in the comfort of one another to discover God’s love for us, anticipating this good news with our songs of praise!**

Opening Hymn* 388

Come All You People

Prayer of Confession*

O Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life: hear our prayer.
There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you.
We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out.
You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with you.
Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we give ourselves to you, now also doing so with 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* 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, who 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 14:1-14

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 Sanctuary to learn more about communion from a pastor and receive resources to continue the conversation at home.

Sermon

Be Curious: Does Everyone Have Eternal Life?

David Lower

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.

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

660 Lord, We Thank You for This Food
798 All with Joyful Exultation

Chancel Choir & Congregation
Rebecca Miller, clarinet

The Offering

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth
arr. Michael Burkhardt

Chancel Choir with *Carol Crist, Lindy Farley, Kay Loerch, Becky Loftis, Lisa Meyers, & Daryl Moore*

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* 765

May the God of Hope Go with Us

Benediction*

Postlude*

Ratchenitza, Op. 6, No. 3
Pancho Vladigerov

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.