



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
October 13th, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

"We must abandon arrogance and stand in awe. We must recover the sense of majesty of creation..." – Wendell Berry

Prelude

Angels, From the Realms of Glory
arr. John Carter

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: We have come to worship the God who gave shape to the Earth.

All: Who appears to us as he appeared to Abraham.

Leader: We have come to praise the God who called the prophets.

All: Who appears to us as he appeared to Isaiah.

Leader: We stand in awe of God.

All: Let us worship God, the Lord of hosts.

Opening Hymn* 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Prayer of Confession*

Dear Creator God, We are often too caught up in the day-to-day grind of life to see your majesty all around us. We too often fail to slow down and stand in awe of you. We confess our priorities are not always in line, but we live in a world that doesn't allow us to always slow down. Lord, we come to you in confession seeking balance. We pray that you give us eyes to see the wonder all around us even in the hustle and bustle of life. We pray that you help us to find times to stop and simply stand in awe of you. It is in and through the power and love of Christ we pray this prayer together and now silently. *(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

Isaiah 6:1-8; Genesis 18:1-3; Luke 2:9-15

Carol Hickey

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, 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 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.

Anthem

The Gift to Be Free
arr. Rollo Dilworth

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Be Curious: Why do Angels Fly?

Michael Sanchez

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.

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

Vogel als Prophet
Robert Schumann

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* 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

I'll Fly Away
arr. Mark Hayes

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.