



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
October 20th, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

"I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

– God, *Jeremiah 31:33*

Prelude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Festival Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: God has told you what is good. And what does the Lord require of us?
All: **To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**
Leader: We stand before God with all that we have and all that we are.
All: **Let us worship God!**

Opening Hymn* 341

O God, Show Mercy to Us

Prayer of Confession*

Lord, why do we make things more complicated for others and even ourselves? Why do we set out hoops to jump through? Why are we so short of grace, mercy and peace?
You have given us the law of love and it is simple and sweet. Help us to share a simpler gospel of wholeness, redemption, and salvation, for it is you who justifies, you who makes us righteous. 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

Ann Richardson

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 31:31–34 and Matthew 5:17–20

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

In the Midst of New Dimensions
Tom Trenney

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Be Curious: Why Was God So Eager to Start Over?

Shannon Dill

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

Amazing Grace
arr. Jack Schrader

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* 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Matthew Zisi

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.