



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
October 27th, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them." – Ephesians 2:8-10

Prelude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
arr. Joel Raney

Kelly Sloan & Jen Weier

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: O God, you called us by name to come, and we respond with delight and gladness.
People: **In joyful commitment, we come to worship our God.**
Leader: Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather together.
People: **In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.**
Leader: O God, you have given us a new song of praise to sing!
People: **In joyful trust, we come to worship our God.**

Opening Hymn* 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God, we long to follow you, to walk in the way that you have shown us.
But we confess that we are easily distracted, lured away by our own interests and desires, enticed by the attitudes and practices of the world around us.
Forgive us. Turn our attention away from the things that distract us. Give us a hunger for your Word and your ways.
Turn our attention toward the generous giving life you call us in Christ to live.
Turn our attention toward our neighbors, near and far, who struggle and suffer and fear and need.
Show us where true life is found—in helping your dreams of love, mercy, plenty, and peace come true.
Hear now the prayers of 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* 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer for Illumination

Kay Loerch

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Shannon Dill

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

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Skip Stradtman

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Given Grace To Give Grace

David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

from The Belhar Confession (2016)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
And we believe that this unity of the people of God
must be manifest and active,
in that we love one another;
that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,
that we all share one baptism together,
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,
that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope,
which is the height and the breadth and the depth
and the love of Christ, forever and ever. 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.

Moment for Commitment

Stephen Hawkins

The Offering

How Can I Keep from Singing?
arr. Brent Yorgason

Amanda Lower

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* 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Congregational Meeting to Elect Members of the Officer Nominating Committee

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.