



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
November 10th, 2024
Commitment Sunday

In Preparation for Worship

"Grace changes everything." – like, the whole Bible

Prelude

Great is Thy Faithfulness
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: O God, you called us by name to come, and we respond with humility 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* 463

How Firm a Foundation

Prayer for the Day*

Gracious God, the most wonderful treasures are often to be found in surprising corners, unexpected people and new experiences. Help us by your Spirit to have patience to understand that you are always at work; even when it remains unseen by us. May your light shine in all the dark places of our lives, our church, our communities and our world, so that the treasure that lies within might be revealed to us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Song of Praise* 582

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

Eleanor "Ellie" Mason Moore

Joining us today are Katie Kennedy & Jason Moore (parents), Wesley Sobeck (brother), Kevin & Margaret Ann Kennedy (grandparents), Joe & Betsi McLure (great grandparents), Jim Fuller & Elaine McLure (great grandparents), Joe & Kerry Kennedy (aunt & uncle), Wyatt Kennedy & Clara Kennedy (cousins), as well as other family and friends.

Children are welcome to come forward to the steps for a good view of the baptism. After Ellie's baptism, 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.

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.

Response Hymn 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Welcome

Following the elder's statement the congregation shall respond...

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Ellie into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ.

We promise to love, encourage, and support her, to share the good news of the gospel with her, and to help her to know and follow Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

James 3:13-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Give Me Jesus
arr. Mark Patterson

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Grace Changes Everything

David Lower

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

Gil Hearn

Offering of Our Commitments

On this Commitment Sunday, we come forward as a sign of the gifts and time we pledge toward the next year in the life of our church.

If you have a 2025 pledge card, or a commitment card signifying your electronic pledge, or any gift for the church, you are invited to come forward and place it in the baskets provided.

In addition to pledging support for 2025, all are also invited to give today. You may support 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.*

The Offertory

The Lord's Prayer

Bruce Jones, guitar

Closing Hymn* 711

Lord of All Good

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

We've Come This Far by Faith
Albert A. Goodson

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.