



10:30 am Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
January 5, 2025

In Preparation for Worship

"This Word-made-flesh brings us a message that it would be hard for us to understand otherwise."
—Elizabeth Johnson

Prelude

Divinum mysterium
arr. Raymond Weidner

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: For love that offers light to all who walk in it, strength to all who hope in it,
healing to all who have need of it, wholeness to all who live in it
People: **This is the God we serve, the God we worship, the God we proclaim**
Leader: This day and all days
People: **With our words and our lives.**
All: **Let us worship God!**

Opening Hymn* 143

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Prayer of Confession*

Generous God, for all that sustains us;
air to breathe, warmth and light, food to eat, water to drink,
we offer our thanks and praise.
For spiritual gifts that bind us together;
one people, one body empowered for service
we offer our hands and voices.
For the Good News of the Gospel;
healing and wholeness, freedom and justice
we offer our hearts in service.
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 1:1-18

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

Tell Us Our Story

David Lower

All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children to Room 119 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

Hiding in Plain Sight

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.

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

Wexford Carol
arr. Mark Hayes

The Offering

Lovely Child, Holy Child
David N. Johnson

Chancel Choir Small Ensemble

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* 24

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Benediction*

Postlude*

Variations on AZMON
arr. Dan Miller

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.