



10:30 am Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
January 26, 2025
Confirmation Sunday

In Preparation for Worship

"Solidarity, compassion, caring, communion and loving. Such values and inner powers can lay the foundation of a new paradigm of civilization..." – *Leonardo Boff*

Prelude

To God Be the Glory
arr. Brent Edstrom

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Hunter Moss

Leader: The Lord brings good news to the poor!
People: **God proclaims freedom for the captive!**
Leader: God brings sight to the blind.
People: **Let us worship together, this miraculous God of Peace.**

Opening Hymn* 772

Live into Hope

Prayer of Confession

Izzy Grant

Dear God, you proclaim freedom for all oppressed and healing for those who suffer. You bring good news to those who most often feel alienated and pushed to the margins. You see each person not as a social status, diagnosis, or belief system, but as good. We pray that you forgive us when we have turned our backs on those around us, especially those deemed the least of these. May we be emboldened by the words of the prophet Isaiah to be bearers of good news to the poor and oppressed among us. Now Lord, hear the silent prayers on our hearts.

(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise* #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-21 (NRSV)

Kay Loerch

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

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

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.) 1st through 5th graders will gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to 252Kid and 252Preteen. Parents will pick up from The Dock and The Lighthouse. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Anthem

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth
arr. Tom Trenney

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Our Mission

Michael Sanchez

Affirmation of Faith*

from the Belhar Confession (1986)

Bobby Wilkes

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
And we believe that 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 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.

Celebration of Confirmation Class

Prayers of the People

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

Cooper Waller

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208
Dietrich Buxtehude

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 inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate in the narthex,*
- 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* 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

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.