



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
July 20, 2025

In Preparation for Worship

“To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.” – *Lewis B. Smedes*

Prelude

Variations in D Major, Op. 40, No. 1
Dmitri Kabalevsky

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Come, you who seek mercy and grace;
People: **We gather in the presence of the God who forgives.**
Leader: Come, carrying burdens of regret and pain;
People: **We find here the healing power of reconciliation.**
Leader: Come, ready to lay down bitterness and embrace compassion;
People: **For Christ meets us here, calling us to forgive as we have been forgiven.**
Leader: Let us worship God, whose steadfast love makes us new!
People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Opening Hymn* 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Prayer of Confession*

Gracious and Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.
We have held onto grudges instead of offering forgiveness,
allowed resentment to cloud our hearts,
and spoken harshly rather than with compassion.
Forgive us, Lord.
Remind us of the grace we have freely received,
and give us courage to extend that grace to others.
Teach us again your ways of mercy,
so that we might set aside bitterness
and embrace healing and reconciliation.
In your great love, renew our spirits and restore our hearts.
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* 591 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:31-32

David Lower

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

Celtic Jubilate
Daniel Brinsmead

Lindy Farley, Sally Harvey,
Jenny Price, Kay Loerch

Sermon

Pack Forgiveness & Leave Unforgiveness

David Lower

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
arr. Joshua Evanovich

David Clark & Beth Eisenmesser

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* 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Benediction*

Postlude*

O for a Thousand Tongues
arr. Carl G. Gläser

Please join us for an ice cream social following worship!

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.