



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
September 21, 2025

In Preparation for Worship

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.” – *Jesus (Matthew 5:7)*

Prelude

Give Me Jesus
arr. Eurydice V. Osterman

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Tartan Trot

TJ McGoldrick

Call to Worship*

Leader: Come, people of God, laying down our pride and self-reliance;
People: **We gather humbly, seeking the wisdom of our Creator.**
Leader: Come, recognizing our need for God's grace and guidance;
People: **We gather humbly, opening our hearts to transformation.**
Leader: Come, following Christ, who humbled himself in service and love;
People: **We gather humbly, ready to serve one another with compassion.**
Leader: Let us worship the Lord, whose strength is revealed in humility;
People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Opening Hymn* 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Prayer of Confession*

Holy and merciful God,
you call us to walk humbly with you,
but too often we are proud, self-centered, and reluctant to admit our need for your grace.
We confess that we seek recognition rather than serve quietly in love;
we value our own desires above the needs of our neighbors;
and we often resist your call to humility and compassion.
Forgive us, O God.
Open our hearts again to your gentle guidance.
Teach us the humble ways of Christ,
who emptied himself in love for the world.
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*

Passing of the Peace*

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

Ann Richardson

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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

Offertory

Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

Sermon

Replacing Violence With Mercy

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 Gift of Love

Kimberly Waters, flute

arr. Joel Raney

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* 694

Great God of Every Blessing

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Alleluia Toccata

Fenton Groden

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.