



**Clothed
in Love**
lent 2026

First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026



10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
WELCOME TO SAINT LUKE'S!
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

In Preparation for Worship

“The Greek word for compassion, *spagchnon*, means the ‘bowels or guts’ of the body, which were considered the source of human emotions. To put on compassion was to open yourself to the kind of love you could ‘feel in your guts,’ to allow yourself to be moved viscerally.”

– Presbyterian Association of Musicians

Prelude

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
arr. Glenn Medlock

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion,
People: **Clothe yourselves with kindness, clothe yourselves with humility,**
Leader: Clothe yourselves with meekness, clothe yourselves with patience,
People: **Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.**
Leader: God is love.
All: **Those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.**

Opening Hymn* 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Prayer of Confession*

from Child of Blessing Liturgy

(Leader reads, People repeat.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayers. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise* 425

Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace

Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God, most holy,
to your presence we have come; give us now your love.

Passing of the Peace*

Prayer for Illumination

Ann Richardson

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

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

Tell Us Our Story

Abby Bunn

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 The Dock. Parents will pick up from The Dock. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Anthem

Saint Richard's Prayer
Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Clothed With Compassion

Rev. Dr. David Lower

Sung Affirmation of Faith* based on the Nicene Creed

We believe in one God: holy and mighty,
 maker of the humble earth and heaven high above,
 known in all creation, hidden in all wonder.
 Come, Lord, eternal, clothe us in your love.

We believe in one God: Jesus our Savior
 light of light and truth of truth, a child of human birth,
 word in flesh among us, crucified and risen.
 Come, Christ, in glory; judge and rule the earth.

We believe in one God: Lifegiving Spirit,
 glorified and worshiped by the church in ev'ry place,
 speaking through the prophets, pouring out forgiveness.
 Come, Spirit, bring us endless life and grace.

Praise to God the Maker, holy and mighty.
 Praise to God the Savior, Jesus Christ, beloved Son.
 Praise to God the Spirit, source of life forever.
 Glory and honor to the Three-in-One.

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

Come Sunday
Duke Ellington, arr. Brent Edstrom

Morgan McCray

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) Scan the QR code or give online via slpres.org/giving,
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

Closing Hymn* 762

When the Poor Ones

Benediction***Choral Amen*****Postlude***

You'll Never Walk Alone
Brent Edstrom

Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!

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.

To give:



