



**Clothed  
in Love**  
**lent 2026**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026



10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE  
WELCOME TO SAINT LUKE'S!  
MARCH 15, 2026

### In Preparation for Worship

The Greek word for “meekness” (prautes) often describes a person who is gentle in spirit, words, and deeds. Gentle does not mean “weak.” Rather, to clothe oneself with meekness or gentleness means to hold one’s power lightly, not using it to oppress or destroy.

*-adapted from Presbyterian Association of Musicians “Clothed in Love” conference, 2025, Montreat, NC*

### Prelude

Shepherd Me, O God  
*Philip L. Roberts*

Festival Ringers

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship\*

Jay and Emmett Favero

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\* 274

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

### 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

Kay Loerch

### Scripture Reading

Matthew 5: 3-9

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

Come Find His Rest  
Dan Forrest

Chancel Choir  
Victoria Blaire, soloist

Come weary one, leave thy labors; come, lift thy head, see thy Savior and Friend.  
His arms are opened wide; O soul, be satisfied.  
Come find his rest.

Take his yoke upon thee, for he is gentle and lowly in heart.  
So learn from Christ the Lord, thy Portion and Reward.  
Come find his rest.

## Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 2: 1-2, 22-26

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

## Sermon

Clothed in Love: Meekness

Rev. Jody Andrade

## Sung Affirmation of Faith\*

based on the Nicene Creed

*to the tune of Holy, Holy, Holy*

**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

Romance in F-sharp Major, Op. 28, No. 2  
*Robert Schumann*

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](http://slpres.org/giving),
  - 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.
- If you give electronically, there is a blue, laminated, electronic giving card in the pew rack to place in the offering plate as it is passed.

### Closing Hymn\* 852

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

### Benediction\*

### Choral Amen\*

### Postlude\*

Give Me Jesus  
*Marques L. A. Garrett*

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](mailto:prayerrequest@slpres.org).

To give:

