



**Clothed
in Love**
lent 2026

Easter

April 5, 2026



10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
WELCOME TO SAINT LUKE'S!
EASTER SUNDAY

In Preparation for Worship

“Because Jesus lives, there can be no dead end ultimately, and no situation which cannot be lived through.”
– Karl Barth

Prelude

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!
arr. Joshua Evanovich

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. David Lower

Call to Worship*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Processional Hymn* 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Prayer for the Day

Abby Bunn

Almighty God,
As morning breaks, we hear and see that Christ is risen.
We behold that you have broken the powers of sin and death,
and opened the way to true life, which is eternal.
In Christ you have opened to us the gates of hope and righteousness.
As we enter through them, let our hearts be filled with praise. Amen.

Song of Praise* 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

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 the Great Hall for special Easter activities. Parents will pick up from the Great Hall today. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Anthem

Sing Joy, All Ye People
Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

Sing joy, all ye people, at the coming of the dawn. This is the perfect day for alleluias.
Let all the world rejoice and sing a glad new song. Alleluia!

Sing joy, all ye people, as the morn is shining bright. This is a day for living. Alleluia!
Come now and celebrate the everlasting Light! Alleluia!

Sermon

Do Not Be Afraid

Rev. Dr. David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Jody Andrade

**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
arr. Joel Raney

Kimberly Waters, flute

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.

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.

Song of Thanksgiving* 238 Thine is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Easter Response*

Hallelujah from Messiah
George F. Handel

Choir and Congregation

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.
And he shall reign for ever and ever!
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Benediction*

Recessional Hymn* 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Postlude*

Hymn to Joy
Becki Slagle Mayo

Worship notes:

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Chris Barlow Elder, friend of Andrea Stewart.
The rosebud on the pulpit is in honor of Benjamin Lee Guest, born on March 27, 2026, to Ashton, Chris and big sister, Liddy.*

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.

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To give:

