



10:30 am Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
July 12, 2026

In Preparation for Worship

"Zacchaeus is a classic example of someone who is rich and yet is prepared to make the kind of radical response which Jesus demands."
— N. T. Wright, *Luke for Everyone*

Prelude

Will You Come and Follow Me
arr. Joshua Evanovich

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Elias Hussain

Please respond to the child's question each time by saying:
All: Jesus sees us all.

Opening Hymn* 22

God of the Sparrow

Prayer of Confession*

Loving God, Jesus saw Zacchaeus in the tree and welcomed him with love.
Sometimes we hide from you. Sometimes we judge other people. Sometimes we take more than we need.
Sometimes we forget to make things right.
Forgive us, God.
Help us come down from the places where we hide. Help us welcome Jesus with joy.
Help us share what we have, repair what we have broken, and live as people changed by grace.
In Jesus' name we pray...(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise* 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Passing of the Peace*

Psalter

Psalm 32 sung to the tune of *The Church's One Foundation*

How blest those whose transgressions
The Lord forgives through grace;
Who, as the heirs of mercy,
Find peace before God's face.
The heart with guilt so heavy
It bends to bear the strain
Can yield God its affliction
And claim its strength again.

Instill in me Your wisdom,
Instruct me in Your ways;
Grant me a word of pardon
And I respond with praise.
God's steadfast love surrounds me,
And doubts shall soon depart;
Redeemed, my soul rejoices,
And gladness fills my heart.

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Prayer for Illumination

Linda Elliot

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

During the month of July, after Tell Us Our Story, parents may take children ages PreK and younger to child care in room 117.

Children K and older will enjoy the summer activities on our worship carts as they remain in the pew with their families.

Faith Formation classes will resume in August.

Sermon

The Guest Who Changes the House

Rev. Dr. David Lower

Special Music

Jack and Kaitlin Lowey

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Brief Statement of Faith for Summer 2026

We trust in God, Creator of all, who makes a world meant for sharing and joy.

We trust in Jesus Christ, who came among us, ate with friend and stranger, welcomed the outcast, forgave the sinner, and revealed God's grace at the table.

We trust in the Holy Spirit, who gathers us into one body,

feeds us with love, and sends us to seek our neighbors, share what we have, and build community in love.

In life and in death, we belong to God and are called to live with generosity, humility, and joy. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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

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.

Offering Music

Jack and Kaitlin Lowey

Closing Hymn* 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Benediction*

Postlude*

Sonata Hob.XVI:50, I. Allegro

Joseph Haydn

Highlights:



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:

