



10:30 am Worship Service

Welcome to Saint Luke's!

August 2, 2026

Today's rose is in celebration of Lydia Kay Davis, born July 3, 2026, to Kristen and Rob Davis and big brother Louin.

In Preparation for Worship

"[W]e would miss the full meaning of 'in the beginning' if we thought that it means only 'back there and back then.' The Bible says not only that God was but that God is and will be Creator....In confessing that God is Creator, Christians confess that God is continuously making new beginnings, opening up new possibilities, initiating new events."

—Shirley C. Guthrie, Christian Doctrine, p. 151

Prelude

What a Beautiful Name

Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: In the beginning, God created Day and Night, Sky, Earth, and Seas.

People: **And God said it was good.**

Leader: Then God created every living thing in the sea and sky and on the earth.

People: **And God said it was good.**

Leader: Then God created humankind in God's own likeness and God saw that it was good.

People: **God saw everything God had made, and indeed it was very good. Let us raise our voices in worship in praise of our good God.**

Opening Hymn* 664

Morning Has Broken

Prayer of Confession*

God, you created this world and everything in it and called it good. You gave humanity dominion over Creation, gifting us with the responsibility to love as you love. We are sorry we fall short, time and again, of what you ask of us. We fail to care for the earth, for the skies, and for every living creature including our fellow human beings. Have mercy on us. Inspire in us a sense of responsibility, a call to always act in both life-giving and life-sustaining ways. Be with us this Sabbath day as we take time to ponder how we can better reflect your goodness. *(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Thanksgiving* 591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

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Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Passing of the Peace*

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Hickey & Gary Scott

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1: 1-2: 3

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**please stand*

Tell Us Our Story & Blessing of the Backpacks

Catherine Anne Thomas, Rev. Jody Andrade &
Rev. Dr. David Lower

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.) Since this is Family Worship Sunday, all elementary children will remain in worship with their families so that they may participate in Communion. Worship books and other faith formation resources are available on the worship carts and ledges in the Sanctuary narthex. At the conclusion of worship, any family seeking to learn more about children and communion may come to the front of the Chapel to learn more about communion from a pastor and receive resources to continue the conversation at home.

Sermon

God of Both/And

Rev. Jody Andrade

Affirmation of Faith*

from The Confession of 1967, 9.16-17

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humans. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of the faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created humans in a personal relation with God's own self that humans may respond to the love of the Creator....Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Humans are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Touch the Hem of His Garment
Sam Cooke

The Offering

Recognition of Catherine Anne Thomas

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.

Closing Hymn* 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Benediction*

Postlude*

Thank you to our musicians: Meg Tourgée, Sydney Moss, Taylor Haas, and Cooper Walker!

Worship note: Printed copies of today's sermon are in the Narthex for those who like to follow along or take one home.

Highlights:



Please join us after worship in the atrium lobby to celebrate Catherine Anne Thomas' 20 years of ministry!

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:

