



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

In Preparation for Worship

"The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either—but right through every human heart." – Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, *The Gulag Archipelago*

Prelude

The Garden of Eden, II. The Eternal Feminine
William Bolcom

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: God calls to us, asking, "Where are you?"
People: **We come as we are and open our lives to God.**
Leader: God seeks us when shame makes us hide and fear turns us against one another.
People: **We trust that God's mercy is deeper than our failure.**
Leader: Even beyond Eden, God does not abandon us.
People: **Let us worship the God who finds us, clothes us with care, and calls us home.**

Opening Hymn* 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God, you have given us life, freedom, and a world of abundance. Yet we reach for what is not ours, mistrust your goodness, and hide from the truth. When confronted, we blame one another; when afraid, we turn away from you. Forgive us. Come looking for us again. Cover our shame with mercy, restore honesty and trust among us, and lead us in your way of life... *(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* 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Passing of the Peace*

Prayer for Illumination

Ann Richardson

Scripture Reading

Genesis 3:1–24

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

**please stand*

Tell Us Our Story

Rev. Jody Andrade

After Tell Us Our Story, parents may take children ages two and younger to child care in room 117. Children ages three & PreK may go to room 119. Children K and older may go upstairs with adult leaders for learning and fun in the Dock (room 210). Of course, children are always welcome to remain in worship.

Anthem

Over My Head
arr. Mark Patterson

Chancel Choir

Over my head, I hear music in the air; there must be a God somewhere.
And when the sun is rising, I hear music in the air.
And in the night's deep darkness, I hear music in the air.
I hear it when I'm praying. I hear music in the air. There must be a God somewhere.

Sermon

Fall Notes

Rev. Dr. David Lower

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. 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

Immer leiser wird, Op. 105, No. 2
Johannes Brahms

Morgan McCray

Closing Hymn* 791

For You, My God, I Wait

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

The Garden of Eden, III. The Serpent's Kiss
William Bolcom

Highlights:



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

For the latest Saint Luke's news and information, go to slpres.org.
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:



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*please stand