

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison*

Shelby Olive

Almighty and forgiving God,
We your unworthy servants give you most humble thanks
for all your goodness and lovingkindness
to us and to all you have made.
We thank you for these gifts of your body and your blood.
May we be empowered and emboldened to share these gifts
by giving ourselves over to be used by your grace and for your glory.
Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to learn more about what it means to live and love like Jesus or if you are interested in joining St. Luke's United Methodist Church in membership, attending Coffee with the Pastor is a great next step. Visit StLukesMethodist.org/cwp to learn more.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

480

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Kingsfold Trumpet

arr. Fedak

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

What's Happening at St. Luke's

Enneagram Day Retreat: Know Your Number

Saturday, October 23 | 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Have you heard of the Enneagram? Been tempted to take a test to figure out your number? Join Rev. Michelle Manuel for a full day of Enneagram teaching on all nine types with the intent to discover your number. Sign up: StLukesMethodist.org/bible-studies

CARtoon Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 24 | 4:30 p.m. | South Parking Lot

No tricks, only treats at the CARtoon Trunk-or-Treat! What a great event to invite your friends to experience! We encourage you to decorate your car, wear your favorite costume, and get ready to travel through your favorite cartoons!

Bring a Smile to a Child

Donate specialty items via Amazon to fill Welcome Baskets for bone marrow transplant patients at Texas Children's Hospital. Shop our Amazon Wishlist: StLukesMethodist.org/hisgrace

Today!

Family Gathering: Church Conference
4 p.m. | Fellowship Hall and Livestream

Welcome to worship at St. Luke's!

Please let us know you are here.



We are so happy you're with us today! Please check in by hovering your phone's camera over this QR code, and a form will pop up.

You can also check in on the St. Luke's App. If you don't have the app installed on your phone, you can download here: StLukesMethodist.org/app

Sermon Notes

Blessing

First in the series, *Finishing Strong*

Fight the good fight

Finish the race

Keep the faith

Leading in Worship Today: Dr. Tom Pace, Rev. Michelle Manuel, Rev. Cliff Ritter; Shelby Olive, Pastoral Intern; Mary Schuler, Senior Adult Ministries

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Jim Roman, Associate Organist; Justin Bair, Associate Director of Worship; Barbara Bamberg, Accompanist; Chancel Bells; Pure Sound Youth Choir.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in celebration of the baptism of Matthew Dean Williams, by his parents, Molly and Christopher Williams, and his brothers, Beau and Shepard Williams.

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October 17, 2021 | 8:30 a.m.
St. Luke's United Methodist Church



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Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Tom Pace

PRELUDE *Fantasy on Kingsfold* arr. Wagner
Chancel Bells

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
529 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 Rev. Michelle Manuel

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH #70 MEINEKE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 4:1-8 Mary Schuler

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER Shelby Olive

SERMON *Run with the End in Mind* Dr. Tom Pace
First in the series, *Finishing Strong*

OFFERTORY *Sisi Ni Moja* Jacob Narverud
Pure Sound Virginia Stout, djembe

We all laugh, we all cry, we all feel hunger, we all feel pain.
We all love, we all hate, we all hope, and we all dream.
We are one world, one people. And we all breathe the same.
A tribe of many languages, a group of many heartaches.
Fighting for peace among the land.

Refrain

Heja, heja, sisi ni moja. Heja, heja, sisi ni moja.
Heja, heja, sisi ni moja. Heja, heja, we are one.

We all want, we all need, we all seek passion, we all seek joy.
We all bruise, we all scar, we all fail, but learn to thrive.
We are one world, one people. And we all breathe the same.
In the darkness of the night and in the glory of the morning
We walk along the path and find our way.

Refrain

Now we stand here together and lift our hearts in song
To the rhythm of this moment in our lives:

Refrain

If you'd like to support St. Luke's ministry with children, students, and adults as well as the folks we serve in our community, you can do so by giving through the St. Luke's app, by placing your gift in the offering plates as you exit the Sanctuary, or by texting your gift to 832-669-5500.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Cliff Ritter

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

We have broken your law,

We have rebelled against your love,

We have not loved our neighbors,

And we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
Who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins
To all them that with sincere repentance and true faith
turn to you:

Have mercy on us;

Pardon and deliver us from all our sins;

Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness;

And bring us to everlasting life;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...*the pastor continues*

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Rob Landes

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est

Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

...*the pastor continues*

...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain!

...*the pastor continues*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

A - men, A - men, A - men.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

We are guests at Christ's table which is open to all. Receive the elements in your hands, and the server will say, "The body of Christ, given for you," and, "The blood of Christ, shed for you," and you may respond, "Thanks be to God." Please return to your seat before taking the elements, or pray at the altar and dispose of your cups in the receptacles behind the railing.

Offerings left at the communion rail will be directed to the Member Care Fund, which aids our friends in need.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

509 *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me* PILOT