

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](http://StLukesMethodist.org/cwp) to learn more.

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

521 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me SOJOURNER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude in D Minor Leif Martinussen

At places marked \* those who are able may stand.



The Community Center at Gethsemane

Be sure to check out a new message from Dr. Tom Pace on the Transformed Capital Campaign: [StLukesTransformed.org](http://StLukesTransformed.org)

What's Happening at St. Luke's

**CARtoon Trunk or Treat**  
Today | 4:30-5:45 p.m. | South Parking Lot  
Wear your favorite costume as your family walks around collecting candy and playing games at decorated car stations! There will also be music, dancing, and the Kona Ice truck on the Ellipse.

**Rob Landes in Concert: "The Phantom of the Opera"**  
Friday, October 29 | 7 p.m. | Sanctuary  
Join Artist-in-Residence Rob Landes for a screening of Lon Chaney's classic 1925 silent film "The Phantom of the Opera" accompanied by the Sanctuary organ. Free admission!

**Question: Is it time to join St. Luke's? Answer: Yes!**  
**Coffee With The Pastor | November 7 | 4-6 p.m.**  
You will love this casual group gathering with Dr. Tom Pace where he will share his spiritual journey and invite you to examine your own. Learn more about St. Luke's structure, vision, and mission and discover how you can a part of the community. Sign up: [StLukesMethodist.org/cwp](http://StLukesMethodist.org/cwp)

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](http://StLukesMethodist.org/app)

Sermon Notes  
Wear the Polka Dot Jersey  
Second in the series, *Finishing Strong*

Kings and queens of the mountains...

- discover they can do things they didn't think they could do.
- develop courage and grit for the next mountain stage.
- sometimes crash their bikes.
- know that Paris is at the end of the race.

**Leading in Worship Today:** Dr. Tom Pace, Rev. Cliff Ritter; Shelby Olive, Pastoral Intern; Justin Bair, Associate Director of Worship.

**Musicians:** Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Jim Roman, Associate Organist; Staff Singers.

**The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God** and are given in celebration of the baptism of Clara Tate Brady, by her parents Taylor and Tyler Brady and her brother, Townsend Brady; and in celebration of the baptism of Emily Anne Brogdon, by her parents Lauren and Blake Brogdon and her sister, Ashley Brogdon; and in loving memory of D. K. "Beau" Mosing II by Keith, Alice, Marshall and Nicolas Mosing, Oct. 22, 1982-Nov. 14, 2008.

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October 24, 2021 | 8:30 a.m.  
St. Luke's United Methodist Church

PRELUDE	<i>I Want Jesus to Walk with Me</i>	Rinehart
*HYMN OF PRAISE		
512	<i>Stand By Me</i>	STAND BY ME
*THE APOSTLES’ CREED UMH #881		Shelby Olive
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	Romans 5:1-5	Justin Bair
<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.		
Isaiah 40:28-31		
<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.		
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE		
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER		
MORNING PRAYER		Shelby Olive
SERMON	<i>Wear the Polka Dot Jersey</i> Second in the series, <i>Finishing Strong</i>	Dr. Tom Pace

OFFERTORY	<i>Fight the good fight with all thy might</i>	arr. Gardner
	Staff Singers	

Fight the good fight with all thy might,  
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,  
Lift up thine eyes an seek his face;  
Life with its way before us lies,  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide:  
His boundless mercy will provide;  
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its lore.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;  
He changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see that  
Christ is all in all to thee.

Amen!

*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
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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

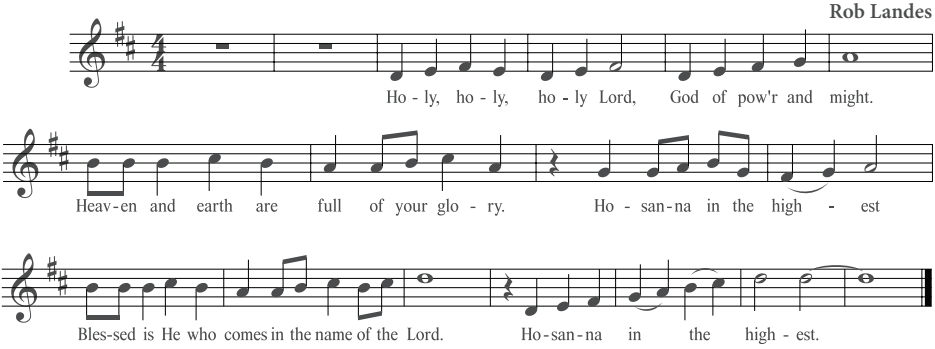
Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
Who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins  
To all them that with sincere repentance and true faith turn to you:  
Have mercy on us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins;  
Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness;  
And bring us to everlasting 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:

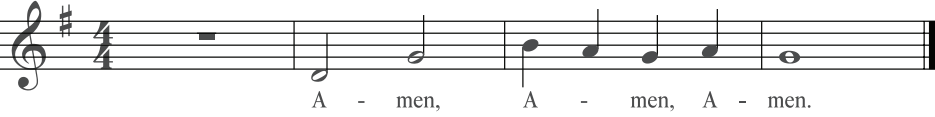
Rob Landes



...*the pastor continues*  
...in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



...*the pastor continues*  
All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



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		
418	<i>We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder</i>	JACOB'S LADDER
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION		
624	<i>Bread of the World</i>	EUCCHARISTIC HYMN
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION <i>in unison</i>		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.		