

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison*

Drew Scoggins

God of grace and glory,

we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions,
but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.

Help us as individuals and as a congregation,
to trust you and follow where you lead,
that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to become a follower of Jesus Christ, or are interested in joining St. Luke's United Methodist Church, we would love to talk to you about what that means. Please visit the Connection Desk to learn more.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

549

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ST. PETER

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Colin Bagby

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'"

People: "And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'"

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor BWV 542

Bach

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

What's Happening at St. Luke's

February Collection

St. Luke's is collecting "NEW" shoes for the Covenant House clothing closet. Covenant House provides shelter for homeless, abused and abandoned youth ages 18 – 24. Non-slip work shoes are needed for men (sizes 8-13) and women (sizes 7-10, no high heels). Drop off shoes in the Donations Bin in the Gathering Room. Questions? Contact Karen McCarver kmccarver@StLukesMethodist.org

Ash Wednesday | Wednesday, February 14 | All Campuses
Westheimer | 7:30 a.m. Chapel | Noon and 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary
branches | 7:30-8:30 a.m. on the lawn | 6 p.m. branches
Gethsemane | Ashes To Go 7-9 a.m. | Bi-Lingual Worship 7 p.m.

Two Lenten Studies:

"Forgiveness" | Led by Rev. Andy Noel

Sundays in person | February 18 - March 24 | 4-5:30 p.m.

How to forgive others, self-examination, repentance, beginning again...

"Unanswered Prayer" | Led by Louise McEvoy | February 8 - March 28

Wednesdays in person | Thursdays online | 7-8:30 p.m.

How am I going to get through this? Why aren't my prayers being answered?
Where is God when things are silent?

Woodshop Grand Opening | Sunday, February 18

Join us to celebrate the completion of this capital campaign project.
Stop by anytime from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm for a tour and treats. Ribbon cutting and prayer of dedication at 12:30 pm.

Lenten Music for Meditation and Reflection

Thursdays, February 15-March 28 | 12 p.m. | Chapel

Join us in the Chapel every Thursday at noon during Lent for 30-minute musical offerings from a diverse group of professional musicians.

Coffee With the Pastor | Sunday, February 25 | 4-6 p.m. | Hines Baker

Be a part of this casual group gathering with Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor. He will share his spiritual journey and invite you to examine your own. Learn more about St. Luke's vision and what it means to be a member of our church. Register: StLukesMethodist.org/cwp

Welcome to worship at St. Luke's!

If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church,
please stop by the Connection Desk for a welcome gift.

Tell us you are here!

1. Is this your first visit?

Please text *iamnew* to 97000 to let us know you are worshipping with us today!

2. Check in on the St. Luke's App.

If you don't have the app installed on your phone, you can download it at:

StLukesMethodist.org/app.

Sermon Notes

What's Love Got to Do with It?

Third in the Series, "Love Our City"

Fruiting (v 16)

Friending (v 15a)

Sacrificing (v 13)

Sharing (v 15b)

Leading in Worship Today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Rev. Amy Sumrall; Rev. Colin Bagby; Drew Scoggins, Pastoral Intern.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music and Fine Arts; Victoria Shorokhova, Organ Scholar; Barbara Bamberg, Accompanist; Pure Sound.

Acolytes: Bella Weiss, Emmy Weiss.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in celebration of the baptism of Preston Bruno Franzen by his parents, Elizabeth and Christopher Franzen and brother, Harrison Franzen; and in celebration of the baptism of Preston Bruno Franzen by his grandparents, Yolanda and Jerry Franzen, and godfather, Matthew Franzen; and in celebration of the baptism of Lyla Kate Pfluger by her parents, Carson and Meredith Pfluger.



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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February 11, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Modal Prelude* Rowley

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
62 *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 **Drew Scoggins**

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 Dr. Tom Pace

50TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

SCRIPTURE READING John 15:12-17 **Rev. Cliff Ritter**

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.
¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER **Rev. Amy Sumrall**

SERMON **Dr. Tom Pace**
What's Love Got to Do with It?
Third in the Series, "Love Our City"

OFFERTORY *Santo* Mark Burrows
Pure Sound Virginia Stout, percussion

Santo, santo, santo
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and Mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
Santo, santo, santo

Hosanna. Sing, sing hosanna.
Hosanna. Holy to the Lord.
Sing holy to the Lord, for holy is God's name.
Holy is God's name.

Santo, santo, Holy is the Lord!

As an alternative to the offering plate, text gift amount to: 832-669-5500.

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95 OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION **Rev. Amy Sumrall**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence
filled with regret for our many sins and failings.
Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness,
we have refused to hear your voice
calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity.
For there is weakness in us, as well as strength.
We do not care to look within,
and are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help.
O God, we are too weak to walk unaided.
Be with us as a strong and wise friend,
and teach us to walk by the light of your truth. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

The Lord God is merciful and gracious,
endlessly patient, loving, and true,
showing mercy to thousands,
forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin, and granting pardon.
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: Jim Roman

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

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**
408 *The Gift of Love* GIFT OF LOVE

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

We are guests at Christ's table which is open to all. Receive the wafer in your hands, and the server will say, "The body of Christ, given for you," and your response could be, "Amen." Then dip the wafer into the juice and the server will say, "The blood of Christ, given for you," and again you may respond, "Amen."

Gluten-free wafers and pre-filled cups are available. Indicate your need to your server. Offerings left at the communion rail will be directed to the Member Care Fund, which aids our friends in need.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION
566 *Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love* EVAN