

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison*

Drew Scoggins

O Holy God, we thank you
for the saving knowledge of your Son our Savior,
for the living presence of your Spirit, the Comforter,
for your Church, the body of Christ,
for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and all the means of grace.

In all these things, O heavenly God,
may we render an acceptable thanksgiving unto you
all the days of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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How Great Thou Art

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*BENEDICTION

Rev. Cliff Ritter

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

Toccata on 'Breslau'

Brian Solomons

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

What's Happening at St. Luke's

Easter Offering: PM Pals

For the month of March our Easter offering will be dedicated to
our PM Pals program. For 19 years, PM Pals has served families
with special needs in our community, providing children a sense of
community and belonging.

Want to volunteer with this incredible ministry?

Contact Bevin Barrett: pmpals@stlukesmethodist.org

For more information, visit StLukesMethodist.org/EasterOffering

**The Study: Women, Wisdom and The Word, The Characters of
Easter: The Villains, Heroes, Cowards, and Crooks Who Witnessed
History's Biggest Miracle**

Led by Suzi Pitts | Tuesdays, March 5 - 26 | 12-1 p.m. | ES313-314

Meet the unlikely people who witnessed history's greatest event.

At Easter, the Son of God took on the world's sin and defeated the
devil, death, and grave. How is it, then, that history's most glorious
moment is surrounded by fearful fishermen, despised tax collectors,
marginalized women, feeble politicians, and traitorous friends? Enter
their stories and ultimately draw closer to Christ Himself as you
encounter His Passion through their experiences.

Lenten Music for Meditation and Reflection

Thursday, March 7 | 12 p.m. | Chapel

Join us in the Chapel at noon during Lent for a 30-minute musical
offering from Molly Mayfield, clarinet, and B. B. Bamberg, piano. No
admission charge, however, a free-will offering will be received.

Honor or remember your loved ones by contributing to the Lenten
flowers. Dedications will be accepted through March 14 and printed in
the Easter bulletin on March 31.

Contact Monica Griffin: mgriffin@stlukesmethodist.org or 713-402-5110.

For everything Lent & Easter, visit StLukesMethodist.org/Easter

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

Ugh!

Third in the Series, "This I Believe?"

- Imago Dei
- Sin and sins (legal, relational, social)
- the inner struggle
- through the eyes of a loving parent

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

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Jim Roman, Organist &
Artist-in-Residence; Justin Bair, Associate Director of Music & Worship;
Barbara Bamberg, Accompanist; Pure Sound; Sonos.

Acolytes: Alex Hansen, Zachary Hansen.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.



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United Methodist Church

Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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March 3, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Aus der Tiefe ('Out of the depths')* Leighton

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
110 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH #885 **Rev. Cliff Ritter**

Pastor:
Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

All:
We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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**

SCRIPTURE READING **Drew Scoggins**
Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Romans 7:14-20
¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of Shalom,
we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies,
but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love.
Break down those walls.
Help us to see that the way to your heart
is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies.
Bless them and us,
that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Book of Worship, #493

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER **Drew Scoggins**

SERMON *Ugh!* **Dr. Tom Pace**
Third in the Series, "This I Believe?"

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision* **Mark A. Miller**
Pure Sound

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
Thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord;
Thou and thou only first in my heart,
Great God of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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. Cliff Ritter**

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**
358 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* REST

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

Like a River **Tim Osiek**
Sonos