

What's Happening at St. Luke's

To Everything There Is a Season: A Hymn Festival

Today at 3 p.m. | Sanctuary

Organist David Cherwien leads a festival of hymn singing featuring the choirs of St. Luke's and the poetry of Susan Paolo Cherwien.

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

Palm Sunday Picnic | Blanton Field | March 24 | 11 a.m. | Egg Hunt at 12:15 p.m. | Regular Service Times (branches at 9:45 a.m.)

Dress casual, grab your Easter baskets, and bring a pop-up canopy or a blanket to sit on for this annual family tradition! Admission includes: Toddlers & Twos Play Area, Egg Hunt, Cake Walk, music from the Contemporary Worship Band, lunch from Skeeter's, face painting, inflatables, and games. Visit StLukesMethodist.org/palm-sunday-picnic

Who will you invite? Send an e-vite to friends or loved ones by visiting StLukesMethodist.org/invite

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.

2023 Impact Report

St. Luke's has the reputation of being "the church that does things." Take a look at Impact Report 2023 to see a few highlights and the brief stories of people who were part of God's story. StLukesMethodist.org/impact-report-2023

Rotunda Gallery Artists for March

This month the Rotunda Gallery features a group exhibit by Persian artists organized by returning artist Maryam Lavaf. Meet them in the gallery following the 11:00 service, or stop by any time during building hours to view their work and help support the fine arts at St. Luke's.

Working Faith Breakfast Gathering

Wednesday, March 20 | 8 - 9 a.m. | Hines Baker Room

Want to learn how your faith can be lived out in a practical way at work?

Join us for this March's Working Faith breakfast gathering! Kenny Mercado, a church member and energy executive who was with CenterPoint for 35 years as a senior vice president and led power delivery during major hurricanes.

We'll discuss leading people during challenging times.

Register: StLukesMethodist.org/workingfaith

Lenten Music for Meditation and Reflection

Thursday, March 14 | 12 p.m. | Chapel

Join us in the Chapel at noon during Lent for a 30-minute musical offering from Rob Landes, piano. No admission charge, however, a free-will offering will be received.

Easter Lillies Delivery

Saturday, March 23 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join our Friends at Home team of volunteers who bring joy and Easter flowers to members confined to their homes. Pick up day is March 23. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Elizabeth Boudreaux (eboudreaux@stlukesmethodist.org) or call 713-402-5033.

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

Something Has Changed

Fourth in the Series, "This I Believe?"

- No "At-one-ment" dogma
- Modern (example)
- Substitutionary
- Christ the victor: defeated sin, death, evil

Leading in Worship Today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Rev. Amy Sumrall; Drew Scoggins, Pastoral Intern; Katie Brown, Director of Adult Ministries.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Jim Roman, Organist & Artist-in-Residence; Justin Bair, Associate Director of Music & Worship; David Cherwien, Guest Organist; Veritas; Chancel Bells; Chancel Choir.

Acolytes: Dax Ahlquist, Tessa Ahlquist, Henry Coffman.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in celebration of the baptism of William Arthur Beem on March 3 by his parents, Madeline and Alex Beem; in celebration of the baptism of Audrey Elizabeth Malpiedi on March 3 by her parents, Ashley and Andrew Malpiedi and brothers, Asher and Archie Malpiedi; in celebration of the baptism of Robert James Sharp on March 3 by his parents, Katelyn and Michael Sharp and brother, William Sharp; in celebration of the baptism of Cody Elijah Smith on March 3 by his parents, Christina and Curt Smith, and brother Luke Smith and grandparents, Janet and Bob Bodin; in celebration of the baptism of George William DeShazo by his grandparents Michele and Mike Tyson and Jill and Kyle DeShazo; in celebration of the baptism of Jackson Paul Stelma by his parents, Avery and Kyle Stelma; in celebration of the baptism of Margaret Shannon Willis by her parents, Shelby and Parker Willis and sister, Carlisle Willis.



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

March 10, 2024 | 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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PRELUDE *Chorale and Fugue* Willan

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
159 *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH #888 9:45 Rev. Cliff Ritter
11:00 Drew Scoggins

Leader:

This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

People:
Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:45

Margaret Shannon Willis

Daughter of David Parker Willis Jr. & Shelby Leigh Willis

Minister: Beloved of the household of faith, I commend to your love and
care this child whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of
God. Will you endeavor so to live that she may grow in her knowledge and
love of God the Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live
according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a
community of love and forgiveness that she may grow in her service to
others. We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple who walks in
the way that leads to life eternal.

11:00

Jolene Marie Shedd

Daughter of Daniel Oliver Shedd & Amber Marie Shedd

Jackson Paul Stelma

Son of Robert Kyle Stelma & Avery Elizabeth Stelma

George William DeShazo

Son of William Kyle Deshazo & Claire Tyson DeShazo

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WELCOME Dr. Tom Pace

ANTHEM 11:00
How Lovely are Thy Dwellings from 'A German Requiem' Brahms
Chancel Choir

How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul desireth and longeth for the courts of the Lord;
my soul and body sing with joy unto the living God.
O blessed! they who in Thy house are dwelling;
they praise Thy name evermore!

SCRIPTURE READING 9:45 Drew Scoggins
11:00 Katie Brown

Romans 5:6-10

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for
a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his
love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more
surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be
saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely,
having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Cliff Ritter

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**
298 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG
David Cherwien, Guest Organist

OFFERTORY *Grazioso* Arnold B. Sherman
Chancel Bells

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.**

SERMON *Something Has Changed* Dr. Tom Pace
Fourth in the Series, "This I Believe?"

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**
295 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* RATHBUN

***BENEDICTION** Dr. Tom Pace

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!'"

CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00
What Wondrous Love Is This

POSTLUDE *Voluntary on 'Lift High the Cross'* Craig Phillips

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

COMMUNION IN THE CHAPEL
YOU'RE INVITED TO THE CHAPEL AT 12:05 P.M. FOR HOLY COMMUNION