

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 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.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

614	For the Bread Which You Have Broken	FOR THE BREAD
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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Shalom	Dan Forrest
St. Cecilia	Jacob Schafer, violin

Peace I leave with you, peace I give to you:
Peace. Shalom.
Not as this world gives, I give to you,
Do not be afraid.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison* Rev. Aoci Elize

Gracious God, we give you thanks this night for the privilege of gathering together to remember, to celebrate, and to share. We give you thanks for the journey we have been on with you—from manger to Temple, from Egypt to Galilee, from Mount to upper room, and upper room to garden. Make us mindful of those who are hungry, those who sorrow, those who are alone. As we remember all you have done and all that you are, form us once again into your people. Let all the human family sit at your table, drink the cup of deliverance, and eat the bread of freedom. We pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

290	Go to Dark Gethsemane	REDHEAD 76
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STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears
Rev. Cliff Ritter

POSTLUDE

Ubi Caritas	Raymond H. Haan
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At places marked * those who are able may stand.

Once the ministers have left the chancel,
the people may remain for prayer or depart in silence.

Leading in Worship Today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Yesly Antu; Rev. Colin Bagby; Rev. Jordan Czichos; Rev. Aoci Elize; Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Rev. Amy Sumrall.

Musicians: Randy Murrow, Associate Director of Music & Fine Arts; Jim Roman, Organist & Artist-in-Residence; B.B. Bamberg, Accompanist; St. Cecilia; Annamarie Reader, cello; Jacob Schafer, violin.

Acolytes: Dax Ahlquist, Sabra Ahlquist, Adair Coffman, Henry Coffman, Mackenzie Rice, Matthew Rice.

Welcome to worship at St. Luke’s!
Please 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.

Holy Week Services

Holy Week Experience | Open Tonight Until 9 p.m.
Friday | 10 a.m.- 9 p.m. | Fellowship Hall
A contemplative self-guided tour of Holy Week where you'll experience each station in silence, allowing your soul to connect with God through scripture, prayer, and interactive moments.

Good Friday
Westheimer
7 p.m. | Service of Tenebrae | Sanctuary *
The gradual extinguishing of the light as we remember Christ’s Passion.
7 p.m. | Children's Good Friday Worship Service *

branches
7 p.m. | branches Good Friday Service | branches building *

Easter Sunday
Westheimer
6:45 a.m. | Sunrise Service | Outside on The Ellipse
8, 9, 10:05 & 11:10 a.m. | Traditional Worship | Sanctuary *
9:15 & 10:15 am | Contemporary Worship | Fellowship Hall *

branches
9:45 & 11:00 am | branches Worship | branches building *

Gethsemane
Bilingual worship (English & Spanish) | 9:30 a.m. | Canterbury Hall *
Baragumu (African worship) | 11:15 a.m. | Canterbury Hall *

* Nursery available for 2 mo.-PreK



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Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
March 28, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

A Song Without Words

Annamarie Reader, cello

Craig Phillips

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Herein is Love

arr. Landes

Herein is love; not that we loved God; but that God loved us.

*INVOCATION

Dr. Tom Pace

God’s steadfast love is before our eyes.
We walk in God’s faithfulness.
We wash our hands in innocence.
We go around your altar, Lord.
We sing a song of thanksgiving
And tell about your wonderful deeds.
O Lord, we love the house in which you dwell.
We love the place where your glory abides.
In the great congregation, let us bless the Lord.
God’s steadfast love is before our eyes.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

616

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

HURSLEY

THE FIRST LESSON

Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

John 13:1-17

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER

Rev. Yesly Antu

THE SECOND LESSON

Rev. Jordan Czichos

God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”
Do this, and remember me.

The Lord said to Abram, “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you. I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you, I will curse. And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.
Do this, and remember me.

The Lord said, “That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand.”
Do this, and remember me.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.
Do this, and remember me.

The Lord said to Joshua, “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.”
Do this, and remember me.

The Lord said to Solomon, “I have heard your prayer. If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
Do this, and remember me.

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem into Babylon: “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; Increase there; do not decrease. Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.
Do this, and remember me.

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Do this, and remember me.

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. First, go and be reconciled. Let your yes be yes, and your no, no. Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Give in secret, pray in private. Forgive when people sin against you. Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. Do not worry, for tomorrow has enough troubles of its own. Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness. Do not judge. Ask. Seek. Knock.
Do this, and remember me.

Jesus took the basin and the towel and began washing the disciples feet. He said, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” When he had finished, he said, “Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”
Do this, and remember me.

SERMON

This Is Embarrassing

Rev. Colin Bagby

OFFERTORY

Lord, My Heart Is Not Proud

St. Cecilia Annamarie Reader, cello

Nestor

Lord, my heart is not proud, nor are my eyes haughty. I do not busy myself with great matters, with marvels beyond my ken. Rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul, like a weaned child at its mother's breast, so is my soul weaned. Israel, hope in the Lord, now and evermore, for evermore.

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Amy Sumrall

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Before you, Jesus Christ, we admit how and where we have underestimated our influence, letting our words or silences hurt, abusing trust, betraying confidences.
Lord, have mercy...
All: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: We admit how and where we have made a show of our religion, attracting more attention to us, and less to you.
Lord, have mercy...
All: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: We admit to where in our lives a vague interest has become a dangerous passion, and we are not sure what to do or whether we are still in control.
Lord, have mercy...
All: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, if we have looked or longed for an easier gospel, a lighter cross, a less demanding savior, then turn our eyes and avert our longing from what we want to choose to the One who has chosen us.
Forgive our unfaithfulness, and for our better living, give us not the remedy we desire tomorrow, but the grace you offer today.
We ask this for your love’s sake.
All: Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Jesus we remember tonight is the Savior of the world. In Christ we are forgiven. And through him God abides with us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

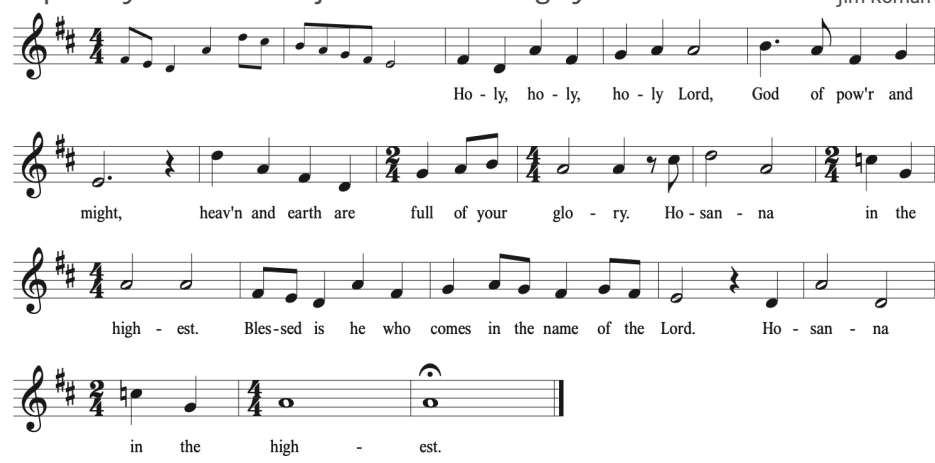
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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



...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.

