

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

368 My Hope Is Built THE SOLID ROCK

*BENEDICTION

Dr. Tom Pace

CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00

311 Now the Green Blade Riseth FRENCH CAROL

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

POSTLUDE Allegro assai vivace from Sonata No. 1 Mendelssohn

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

What's Happening at St. Luke's

Coffee with the Pastor | Today at 4 p.m. | Hines Baker

Are you interested in learning more about St. Luke's? Ready to begin the path to membership? Attend Coffee with the Pastor, meet Dr. Tom Pace, hear his story, and learn more about St. Luke's values and vision. Register: StLukesMethodist.org/CWP

Working Faith Breakfast Gathering

Wednesday, April 17 | 8 a.m. | Hines Baker

David Gow is the speaker at our next Working Faith breakfast. His topic is *Faith and Work: A Lifetime of Lessons Learned*. Breakfast is free. You can just show up or register here, StLukesMethodist.org/AprilWorkingFaith

April Collection

It's time for school supplies for Small Steps, our Community Partner, that provides "an exemplary early childhood program for economically at-risk children and their families." Drop off supplies in the donations bin or order online. StLukesMethodist.org/schoolsupplies

Navigating Modern Parenting Pitfalls with Confidence, Part 2

Sunday, April 21 | 4 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Ready to next-level your parenting effectiveness? The Parenting Center is excited to welcome Dr. Kim Swales as she returns with specific and effective steps for tackling challenges all families face.

Register: StLukesMethodist.org/ModernParenting2

Field Notes for the Wilderness: Practices for an Evolving Faith

by Sarah Bessey

April 21-June 30 | 4-5:30 p.m. | Chapel

This book guides us through the principles of practicing wonder and curiosity as spiritual disciplines, making space for lament and righteous rage, finding good spiritual teachers and discovering what we are for in this life, and moving in that direction.

Astros Watch Party

Sunday, April 21 | 12 p.m. | branches building

Come watch the game on the really big screen and meet Orbit!

Pre-purchase hotdogs from James Coney Island: brancheshtx.org/orbit

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

Those Useless Kids

Second in the Series, *Lies of Little Gods*

Temptations and tensions

The shape of the idol

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Being and doing

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

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Victoria Shorokhova, Organ Scholar; Randy Murrow, Associate Director of Music & Fine Arts; Virginia Stout, Sunday Sounds Director; Veritas; Sunday Sounds; St. Cecilia; Chancel Choir.

Acolytes: Lillie Eichenlaub, Rachel Osterman.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in celebration of the baptism of Henry David Hale by his parents, Catherine and Reese Hale and brother, Ryan Hale; and in celebration of the baptism of James Philip Ladewig by his parents, Michelle and David Ladewig.



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

April 14, 2024 | 9:45 & 11 a.m.



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United Methodist Church

Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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PRELUDE *Berceuse* Vierne

INTROIT 11:00 *It's Time to Pray the Day Away* Sunday Sounds

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

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 9:45 **Drew Scoggins**
11:00 **Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears**

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:45

James Philip Ladewig

Son of David Michael Ladewig & Michelle Hart Ladewig

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 he may grow in his 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 he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life eternal.

11:00

Henry David Hale

Son of Reese Alexander Hale & Catherine Jane Hale

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WELCOME

Dr. Tom Pace

ANTHEM 11:00 *Through Many Dangers* Gwyneth Walker
Chancel Choir

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
Your grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

O Lord you have promised good to me,
Your Word my hope secures;
You will my guard and comfort be,
As long as life endures.

O when my beating heart shall fail,
And all my life shall cease,
I still shall have, within Your veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun shall cease to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Shall be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
And we are bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

How sweet the sound...that saved a soul like me!
For once I was lost, but now I am found;
For once I was blind, but now I can see...
Grace...Grace...Grace...
Amazing!

SCRIPTURE READING 9:45 **Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears**
11:00 **Drew Scoggins**

Matthew 18:1-5

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²He called a child, whom he put among them, ³and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

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** 11:00
397 *I Need Thee Every Hour* NEED

OFFERTORY
9:45 *Ain't-a That Good News* arr. Brinsmead
St. Cecilia

I got a crown up in-a the Kingdom, ain't-a that good news?
I'm a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross,
then I'm gonna take it home to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news?

I got a Saviour in-a the kingdom, ain't-a that good news?
I'm a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross,
then I'm gonna take it home to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news?

I got a robe, you got a robe, all God's children got a robe, Hallelujah!
When I get to Heaven gonna put on my robe and walk all over God's Heaven.

I got a robe up in-a the Kingdom, ain't-a that good news?
I'm a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up-a my cross,
then I'm gonna take it home to my Jesus, ain't-a that good news?

11:00 *Doxology for a New Day* Mark Miller/John Hatton
Chancel Choir

Refrain

You are God, we are Your children,
Formed by love, we are Your own.
You are God, we are Your children,
Holy One, Your heart our home.

From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise,
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land by every tongue.

Eternal are Your mercies, Lord,
Eternal truth attends Your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Refrain

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, the heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Refrain

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 *Those Useless Kids* Dr. Tom Pace
Second in the Series, *Lies of Little Gods*