

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

606      *Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine*      KINGSFOLD

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *in unison*

Drew Scoggins

Teach us, good Lord,  
to serve as you deserve  
to give and not to count the cost;  
to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest;  
to labor and not to ask for any reward,  
except that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*#570 Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola*

**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**

188      *Christ Is the World's Light*      CHRISTE SANCTORUM

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Colin Bagby

**POSTLUDE**

*Exultemus*      Whitlock

At places marked \* those who are able may stand.

**What's Happening at St. Luke's**

**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](http://StLukesMethodist.org/schoolsupplies)

**Navigating Modern Parenting Pitfalls with Confidence, Part 2 Today at 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](http://StLukesMethodist.org/ModernParenting2)

**Astros Watch Party | Today at 12 p.m. | branches building**

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

**Pure Sound youth choir presents The Drowsy Chaperone May 2-4 | 7:30 p.m. | May 5 | 2:30 p.m. | Rotunda**

*The Drowsy Chaperone* is a loving send-up of the Golden Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another. [StLukesMethodist.org/DrowsyChaperone](http://StLukesMethodist.org/DrowsyChaperone)

**Women's Spring Dinner | Friday, May 3 | 6 p.m. | Hines Baker Room**

How is 2024 going? Is it time for a mid-year check-in? Let's connect... share our stories, and learn from each other. \$25. [StLukesMethodist.org/womensspringevents](http://StLukesMethodist.org/womensspringevents)

**Women's Spring Creative Workshop Saturday, May 4 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m. | 3rd Floor Johnson Building**

Join us for not one, but two painting workshops! One will include a mindfulness process, and then we will create watercolor florals. It will be a fun morning with breakfast, snacks and great company! Workshop \$30. [StLukesMethodist.org/womensspringevents](http://StLukesMethodist.org/womensspringevents)

**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](http://StLukesMethodist.org/app).

**Sermon Notes**

*The Cliff Jumper*

Third in the Series, *Lies of Little Gods*

An overachiever's problem

The king of little gods

Loosening your grip

The grace and power of God

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

**Musicians:** Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Jim Roman, Organist & Artist-in-Residence; Pure Sound.

**Acolytes:** Adair Coffman, Henry Coffman.

**The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God** and given in celebration of the baptism of Grace Catherine Gould by her parents, Allison and Patrick Gould and her grandparents, Emily and Don Bolin and Patsy and Paul Gould.



**St. Luke's**

United Methodist Church

Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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**St. Luke's United Methodist Church**

April 21, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

**PRELUDE** "You raise the flute to your lips..." DeLamarter

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* NICAEA

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 **Rev. Cliff Ritter**

**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**

**SCRIPTURE READING** **Drew Scoggins**

Matthew 19:16-30

<sup>16</sup>Then someone came to him and said, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" <sup>17</sup>And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." <sup>18</sup>He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. <sup>19</sup>Honor your father and mother. Also, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>20</sup>The young man said to him, "I have kept all these; what do I still lack?" <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup>Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>25</sup>When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>26</sup>But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible." <sup>27</sup>Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" <sup>28</sup>Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup>And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my name's sake will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER**

**MORNING PRAYER** **Rev. Colin Bagby**

**SERMON** *The Cliff Jumper* **Dr. Tom Pace**  
Third in the Series, *Lies of Little Gods*

**OFFERTORY** *Behold, God Is My Salvation* **Jody W. Lindh**  
Pure Sound

Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,  
Make known his deeds among the nations.  
Proclaim that his name is exalted!

Sing praises to the Lord for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth!

*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. Colin Bagby**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy,  
You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you  
And turned aside from your way.  
We are misled by pride,  
For we see ourselves pure when we are stained,  
And great when we are small.  
We have failed in love,  
Neglected justice,  
And ignored your truth.  
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.  
Return us to paths of righteousness  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON**

God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger,  
overflowing with loyal love and faithfulness.  
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.**

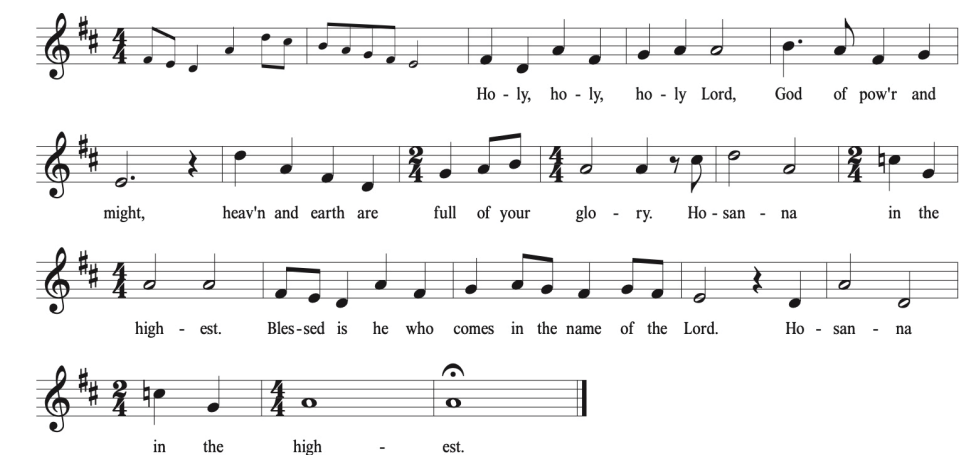
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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**

410 *I Want a Principle Within* GERALD

**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.*