



St. Luke Presbyterian Church

OCTOBER 13, 2024

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 13, 2024

11:00 AM

Gathering for the Word

PRELUDE

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AT ST. LUKE

Please pass the friendship books to mark your participation and to greet others in your row.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PNC

Bob Hansen

TIME OF CENTERING AND STILLNESS

INTROIT

“Come Sing, Oh Church, In Joy”

† CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 136)

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
All: For God’s steadfast love endures forever.
One: O give thanks to the God of gods,
All: For God’s steadfast love endures forever.
One: O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
All: For God’s steadfast love endures forever
One: Let us worship God!

† HYMN # 459

“O Word of God Incarnate”

† CALL TO CONFESSION

† SILENT CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. The gospel tells us what you have done for us in Jesus Christ to make us right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. You call us to trust in your grace and promises in Jesus Christ. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. Jesus says, “Come, follow me.” Lord, forgive our self-centeredness that seeks our well-being while we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than accepting fully Jesus’s call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

† REQUEST FOR PARDON

“Hear Our Prayer, Oh Lord”

† ASSURANCE OF GRACE (based on 1 Timothy 1:15)

One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:
All: That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
One: Children of God, hear and believe the good news:
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

† GLORIA PATRI #582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, / and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. / As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. / World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. / As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

TIME WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

Hearing of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

JOB 23:1-9; 16-17

Pew Bible Page 449-450

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“If You Search With All Your Heart”

Chancel Choir

SECOND READING

PSALM 22:1-15

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One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Struggle is Real, but Don't Give Up Hope”

Jennifer Denham

Responding to the Word

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith)

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life on behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

† HYMN #824

“There Is A Place of Quiet Rest”

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERING

Please, place your tithe/offering in the plate as it is passed, text GIVE to 806-631-6253, or use this link to give online. <https://www.stlukeamarillo.com/tithe/>

Doxology

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Praise God whose breath fills all the earth; / Whose love reveals our secret worth;
Whose Spirit forms one family; / Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Generous and merciful God, we thank you for your indescribable gift of Jesus Christ. As we present our offerings today, give us grateful and generous hearts, that we may always follow Jesus in what we say and do.

All: Help us to remember that every generous act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, from you, our heavenly Father. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER (“debts” and “debtors”)

† HYMN #307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

† OUR MOTIVATIONAL AND MISSIONAL STATEMENT

As the people of St. Luke Presbyterian Church, we offer to God our “hands of service, hands of faith, and open hands of love.” Holy Spirit, unite us in this calling and send us forth to serve.

WANT TO KNOW MORE about St. Luke or to formally unite with us? See **Ruling Elder Jennifer Denham** by the announcement screen in the hallway after worship or contact an Elder during the week.

† CHARGE and BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

† POSTLUDE

† Stand as you are able.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Filling the pulpit	Jennifer Denham
Liturgist	Ashley Denham
Greeters	Sallie Amason & Linda Peirce

MUSIC

St. Luke Chancel Choir
Dr. Robert Hansen, Director of Music
Mila Abbasova, Organist

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