

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*If comfortable doing so, you are invited to stand.

The hymns today come from The Methodist Hymnal.

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

TOTENFEST

SILENT MEDITATION: "On this All Saints Day we remember and celebrate saints of yesterday and of today; faithful people who set their hopes on Christ and who with their lives, praised God. May our hearts and minds be open to new realities in Christ."
Henrietta Stith Andrews

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Arr. Mark Hayes

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 708 "Rejoice in God's Saints"

HANOVER

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days; a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer, their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way; some need to withdraw, for better to pray.
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood; our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown, who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own.
They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares; what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days; a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true: the way of self giving, Lord, leads us to you.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come together in Christ's peace:

All: To thank God for the gift of life.

One: To remember because we have loved.

All: To sing our alleluias of hope.

One: To celebrate the promise of life eternal.

All: Because we are God's people in life and in death.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Redeeming and Loving God, rescue us from the fears that block our vision of hope. Forgive our failings and strengthen our resolve to find your presence and follow the path you set before us. We come seeking your words of comfort, but may we also listen for the call of responsibility. Let us bear witness to the fullness of your truth. Fill us with the radiance of your light and grace. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

God of Love and Mercy, hear the songs of our hearts as we present this offering; a song of our thankfulness and praise; a song of hope and expectation, a song of joy. May our song break forth in acts of comfort to those who mourn, in acts of mercy to the oppressed, in acts of encouragement to the weary. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Affirmation and Renewal of Faith (Unison)

This is the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Sacrament

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

Blessed God, we thank you for the tender memories that gather about this table today. May the teaching of our Lord and the memory of our departed inspire us to live nobly and charitably, and to approach with cheerfulness all those who surround us. Let us find sustaining hope in you who have been our source of strength and comfort throughout the ages. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 555 "Forward Through the Ages"**

ST. GERTRUDE

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord, manifold the service, one the sure reward.

Refrain: Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light; for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified, poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. [Refrain]

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole, move we on together to the shining goal. [Refrain]

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

Arr. Ron Loree

The Liturgist today is John Kritos.
Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOTENFEST

You are invited to turn in the names of family or friends who have died in the past year to be read during the service. Please bring any names to the Welcome Desk before the service begins.

95TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Frances Heman's 95th Birthday Celebration will be held
Sunday, November 10, 2024, from 3:00 PM—5:00 PM
at St. Luke's UCC (No gifts please)

ADVENT MOVIE

On November 17th, after worship, we will have a freewill dinner followed by the Advent Movie. The movie's theme is used throughout the Advent Season. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway. If you can't attend and would like a link to the movie, please contact the church office.

HOLIDAY HELPERS

We are again participating in the Independence School District's Holiday Helper Campaign. We will collect money through Sunday, December 1st. The donations will go to families in need that aren't helped by other programs. A family from our congregation will be matching all our gifts up to \$500. Look for a Holiday Helper can in the sanctuary.

SAVE THE DATES

There are many things coming up that you want to add to your calendars. More details will be put in the bulletin and Glimpse closer to time.

POINSEITTIAS

Poinsettias will be available to be purchased on Sundays, November 17th and 24th.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

November 30th, 9:30 AM Save the date and plan on helping decorate for the Advent Season

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

December 1st—Ron Ritter's 90th Birthday Celebration, immediately following worship

CHECK IN, SHARE AND COMMENT

If you are worshipping in person, please "Check-in" on Facebook, then, share the service, comment on it and like it. You are encouraged to have your device out during the service. If the music inspires you, tell Matthew and Margie by commenting about how wonderful it was or say thank you. If the sermon speaks to you, comment with how it touched you. If there is a great story during Children's Moment or a kid makes you laugh, comment and tell what it was. If someone makes a comment, reply to them. We encourage you to connect with those online as well as in person. If you are worshipping online, share and comment on the service. Comment on the things listed above, reply to and/or like other people's comments. It is so important to stay connected & these are simple ways to do that.



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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

10:45 AM Online & In person Worship followed by in person fellowship
Monday—Friday, 9:45 AM Live with Pastor Paul in Windows Facebook Group
Monday & Wednesday, 6:30 PM NA Meeting

For more information about any of these, please email the church office at stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org

GIVING OPTIONS

If you wish to make a donation to St. Luke's, there are several options available:

1. Check mailed to church office at 727 N. Main, Independence, MO 64050
2. Internet donation – you may now donate from a secure site by clicking on the Give Now button on the website.
3. Electronic funds transfer – your offering can be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account.

To sign up, click here. After completing the form, contact the church office stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org for instructions.

4. Vanco Mobile App - download the free app on Google Play or the App Store. Enter St Lukes (without punctuation) as the church name Select St. Luke's United Church of Christ in Independence. From there you can create an account and use the app for donations.
5. Text the word GIVE to 816-312-5053 and you will be directed to a secure site for giving.



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