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

The hymns today come from The Celebration Hymnal.

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SILENT MEDITATION: "Sometimes there is nothing else that the church *must* do than to pray with the people, to assure them that God is not aloof but present in their situation, in their pain...sharing their pain and despair with them." --Allan A Boesak

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"March" from Saul

George Frederick Handel

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 93 "God, Our Father, We Adore Thee"

BEECHER

God, our Father, we adore Thee! We, Thy children, bless Thy Name!
Chosen in the Christ before Thee, We are "holy, without blame."
We adore Thee! we adore Thee! Abba's praises we proclaim!
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Son Eternal, we adore Thee! Lamb upon the throne on high!
Lamb of God, we bow before Thee, Thou hast bro't Thy people nigh!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee! Son of God, who came to die!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee! Son of God, who came to die!

Holy Spirit, we adore Thee! Paraclete and heav'nly guest!
Sent from God and from the Savior, Thou hast led us into rest.
We adore Thee! we adore Thee! By Thy grace forever blest;
We adore Thee! we adore Thee! By Thy grace forever blest!

Father, Son and Holy Spirit—Three in One! we give Thee praise!
For the riches we inherit, Heart and voice to Thee we raise!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee! Thee we bless thro' endless days!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee! Thee we bless thro' endless days!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Worship invites us into a space of silence.

All: We listen for only God's voice.

One: Worship invites us into a space of security.

All: We rest only in God's salvation.

One: Worship invites us into a space of song.

All: We rejoice only in God's steadfast love.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Patient and Loving God, we are a people who know our own weaknesses. We also know we are powerless to rise above our shortcomings on our own. By your grace, forgive us and raise us to new heights of service and faithfulness within your realm of peace and light. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI** 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.

MOMENTS WITH MINNIE

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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 sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Bring Him Home"

Claude-Michel Schonberg

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:14-29

SERMON

"When We Can't Do Anything"

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 217 "Holy Ground"**

BEATTY

This is holy ground; We're standing on holy ground, For the Lord is present and where He is is holy.
This is holy ground; We're standing on holy ground, For the Lord is present and where He is is holy.

These are holy hands; He's given us holy hands. He works through these hands & so these hands are holy.
These are holy hands; He's given us holy hands. He works through these hands & so these hands are holy.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS "Peace, Joy and Love"

Dallas Holm

***CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP — DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Lift us up, O God, from the low places of defeat and doubt. Be our rock, setting us above fear and self-concern. Bless by your Holy Spirit, the gifts that we bring and the lives we live, that the presence of you hope and comfort may be made known in our frightened world. Amen

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

“Jesus Got Ahold of my Life”

Dallas Holm

The Liturgist today is Jeff Ruoff

Thank you to the Violin Trio of Matt Bennett, Lisa Jaberg & Ginger Ruoff for accompanying the hymns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will meet on Monday, November 10th, at Noon
Soup and dessert will be served. It is a time for men and their friends to gather for a time of fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Dan O'Neill.

ADVENT MOVIE

Please join us for a freewill donation meal and Advent movie following Worship on November 16th. The movie for the adults will inspire hope and joy at a time when love and peace seem to be beyond reach. The movie's theme is used throughout the Advent Season.
The children's movie will inspire their preparation for the upcoming Christmas Pageant. The children will also have games and a craft to celebrate the start of the Advent Season! We can't wait to see you there!
If you can't attend and would like to know more about the movie, please contact the church office.
RSVP by signing on the sheet on the back table.

HOLIDAY HELPERS

We are again participating in the Independence School District's Holiday Helper Campaign. We will collect money from through Sunday, December 7th.
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, on the back table in the Fellowship Hall.

POINSEITTIAS

Poinsettias will be available to be purchased on Sundays, November 16th and 23rd. **They will be \$10** each if purchased in person and \$11 if purchased online. See Carol Lyon for more details.

HVAC FUND

There is an HVAC Fund established for the replacement of the HVAC system. Support for that fund is being accepted to soften the hit when contracts have been secured to replace the existing system. You may donate in person by marking your donation HVAC and placing in the offering box or by donating online or via the app.

CALENDARS

Pastor Paul does a weekly quote from his sermons. These quotes have been made into a wall calendar for 2026 and are available to be purchased for \$17/each. They are nice, sturdy calendars with plenty of room to write on. The 2024 calendar and a sign up sheet is available on the back table so you can see what it looks like. Orders, along with the payment, are due by November 23rd.

SHARING TABLE

Take time on Sundays, or anytime during normal office hours, to **SHOP** at the sharing table. There are Bibles and some old hymnals available if you would like to take one or even more.

CHECK IN, SHARE AND COMMENT ON FACEBOOK



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 Moments with Minnie or a kid makes you laugh, comment and tell what it was.

INSTAGRAM

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays 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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