

Stained Glass Windows

“The Cross and Treble Clef” — The choir and members
of St. Luke, in honor of

David J. Molnar

“Jesus and the Lambs” — Members and friends of
St. Luke, In loving memory of

Jean Jordan

“The Lord’s Prayer” — Betsy Ross, in loving memory
of George Ross

“The Birth of Christ” — Vicki and Bob Whipple,
in loving memory of

Virginia Edith Sharpe

“Communion” — Joan (Lappin) Stewart, in loving
memory of Carl E. Lappin

“The Doves” — Joan (Lappin) Stewart, in loving
memory of Clarence W. Lappin

“Love, Peace, Joy” — Jean Jordan, in loving memory
of William Jordan

“Hope” — Frank and Pearl Pieroni, in loving memory
of Denise DuPree

“Palm Sunday” — Susan Isbister and Maryanne Olson,
in loving memory of Roy C. Slack

“Good Friday” — Susan Isbister and Maryanne Olson,
in loving memory of Felix Gillham

“Easter” — Susan Isbister, Maryanne Olson, and
friends, in loving memory of
Harriet Slack Gillham

Memorials and Gifts

St. Luke Presbyterian Church

Pulpit Bible

The Rev. Amy Snedecker

Pew Bibles

David and Tracy Molnar

Communion Vessels

The Rev. Deborah Matthews

Organ

Linda and Mike Sifferd, in loving memory of
Scott Sifferd and Harold Sifferd

Grand Piano

David Molnar and Friends, in memory of
the Rev. William Molnar
and in honor of David Molnar’s mother

Hymnals

Mary Easton, in loving memory of Bill Easton

Banners and Paraments

Shirley Childs, in memory of Dick Childs

Dove

William and Beth Henry

Dove Illustration

Joe Doll

Cross

Tate and June Collins

Anthem “God Sends Us Forth”

Written and composed to the Glory of God for the dedication of the new sanctuary of St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Downers Grove, Illinois, June 13, 2010.

Given in memory of longtime member Jan Upton by her husband, Don, and friends.

Notes on the Anthem

The text of “God Sends Us Forth” is based on several Scripture passages: II Kings 9:3; Ps. 66; II Sam. 22:12; Ps. 11:1; Ps. 7; II Cor. 4:22; Luke 14:23; Mt. 21:13; Ps. 103; I Kings 19:12-14; Mt. 10:8; II Sam. 7:5; Deut. 33:2; Ps. 92:13.

Structured in a four-part form in each stanza, it begins with references to the physical structure of a church and moves into the awareness of God’s presence. Stronger images of God at work in the world then lead to God’s call to each person in the world. The refrain is a Trinitarian reaffirmation of the stanzas.

The music is celebratory in nature with moments of introspection. The refrain rises to a peak, directing singers and listeners symbolically toward the heavens. The reference to a peak is a direct reflection of the peaked ceiling of the new sanctuary. Leadership roles in the anthem are shared among the sections of the choir, reflecting both the strength of the parts of the organization and the unity of the whole body (I Cor. 12:20). The role of the organ in the work is likewise important, at times prominent and then inconspicuous, reflecting the shared ministry of music at St. Luke.

This premier presentation is sung by the Chancel Choir of St. Luke Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Willard Thomen, Director of Music. Organist for the occasion is Bonnie Johansen-Werner, principal organist for the church and the composer.

~ Bonnie Johansen-Werner

God Sends Us Forth

1. Born of God’s love, our sanctuary is the place where God brings us abundance.
And, crashing in the thunder, God sends us forth to sing our praise-filled songs throughout the world.

Refrain: With us in this place, God dwells.
Calling us to serve, Christ shines.
Rising to the peaks, the Spirit soars
sending us to teach, sending us to heal,
Sending us to love all the world.

2. Built on a rock, our sanctuary is the place where reigns God’s truth and justice.
And, blazing in the lightning, God sends us forth to bring the word of Christ throughout the world.
3. Mansion of prayer, our sanctuary is the place where God forgives and heals us.
And, whisp’ring in the stillness, God sends us forth to heal and comfort all throughout the world.
4. Brimming with love, our sanctuary is the place where God crowns us with goodness.
And, shining in our dawning, God sends us forth to flourish in the vastness of God’s world.

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