



# everything [in] between

grief & hope



SAINT LUKE'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 20, 2025 10:30 am



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## In Preparation for Worship

“The resurrection... is the decisive event demonstrating that God's kingdom really has been launched on earth as it is in heaven.... The message of Easter is that God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it.” – *N.T. Wright*

### Prelude

Hymn of Promise  
*Lloyd Larson*

Michelle Moebes, flute

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship\*

Leader: My dear friends, we have known grief. We have known loss.  
We have known the long road, tired and winding. We have whispered prayers  
on bended knees. We have stared at the sky, empty of stars. But today—  
All: **Today we know hope. Today we know life. Today we know the sound of Alleluias.**  
Leader: Today we know that death does not have the last word.  
All: **Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.**  
Leader: It is Easter. May hope find you. And may you know, deep in your bones, that today is a new day.  
All: **Alleluia! Amen.**

### Processional Hymn\* 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

### Prayer for the Day\*

Almighty God,  
As morning breaks, we hear and see that Christ is risen.  
We behold that you have broken the powers of sin and death,  
and opened the way to true life, which is eternal.  
In Christ you have opened to us the gates of hope and righteousness.  
As we enter through them, let our hearts be filled with praise! Amen.

### Song of Praise\* 246

Christ Is Alive! *stanza 5 only*

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky  
and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

### Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

*Children are welcome to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. After Tell Us Our Story, parents will walk children across courtyard to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 120 (PreK and K). 1st through 5th graders will gather for games in the Great Hall, where parents should pick them up after worship. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.*

## Anthem

Rise and Sing a Joyful Song  
Stacey Nordmeyer

Chancel Choir and  
Festival Ringers

*Dawn breaks with golden rays. Rise and sing a joyful song!  
Hope wakes the earth with praise. Rise and sing a joyful song!  
Come, celebrate the day; old things have passed away.  
God's grace is on display. Rise and sing a joyful song!*

*This is a time for dreams. Rise and sing a joyful song!  
Share truth and noble themes. Rise and sing a joyful song!  
Let us resolve to share Christ's good news everywhere.  
This is our fervent prayer: rise and sing a joyful song!*

*People of light and love, rise and sing a joyful song!  
Join with the saints above. Rise and sing a joyful song!  
With all the world rejoice; lift high a grateful voice.  
Come, make a glorious noise, rise and sing a joyful song! Arise!*

## Sermon

Full of Hope

David Lower

## Hymn\* 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

## Affirmation of Faith\*

Apostles' Creed

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on 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 Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Song of Thanksgiving\*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

## Prayers of The People 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Offertory

He Shall Feed His Flock from *Messiah*  
G.F. Handel

Michelle Moebes,  
flute

*All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:*

- 1) *Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.*
- 2) *Give online via [slpres.org/giving](http://slpres.org/giving).*
- 3) *Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

## Easter Response\*

Hallelujah from *Messiah*  
G.F. Handel

Chancel Choir and  
Congregation

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.  
And he shall reign for ever and ever!  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

## Benediction\*

## Postlude

Toccata on "Thine Is the Glory"  
Gordon Young

**Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!**

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you may submit prayer requests for inclusion in the Prayer Guide by sending them to  
[prayerrequest@slpres.org](mailto:prayerrequest@slpres.org).