



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
April 27, 2025

Preparation for Worship

"It does take courage to ask some questions...to proclaim doubt...and Thomas had that..." – Carolyn Brown

Prelude

"Spring" III. Danza pastorale from *The Four Seasons*
Antonio Vivaldi, arr. Pierre Guin

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Christ has Risen! The joyful noise of Easter continues!
All: **We rejoice in the noise of new life!**
Leader: We bring pockets full of questions; we bring hope the size of this room.
All: **Like Thomas in doubt, and the others in blind faith, we bring every bit!**
Leader: We know the Risen Lord will reveal his hands to us still.
All: **Let us worship the One who seeks to meet us where we are!**

Opening Hymn* 641

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Prayer of Confession*

Loving God, we come before you on the Sunday after Easter, carrying the peace of the Risen Christ with us. Yet, we confess that too often we assume that there is no place for doubt within the church. We confess that we, in our own lives, judge those that have questions, doubts, or even those that don't believe as we might. But, as the disciple Thomas had his own way, we too, pray that you reveal to us the care and passion he had to be curious. Through your love, reveal to us how we might always keep our minds filled with questions, searching for a better way to understand you. *(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayers. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise* #246

Christ Is Alive! *Stanza 5*

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

John 20:19-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Shannon Dill

All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children to Room 119 for "ABC's of the Bible" (ages 3's, PreK and K) or Room 117 for childcare (birth through 2's.) 1st through 5th graders will gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to 252Kid and 252Preteen. Parents will pick up from The Dock and The Lighthouse. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Anthem

A Canon of Praise
Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir and
Festival Ringers

Sermon

Care to be Curious

Abby Bunn

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.

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.

The Offering

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight
DUNLAP'S CREEK

Chancel Choir

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.*
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

Closing Hymn* 231

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Lift High the Cross
arr. Larry Shackley

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

For the latest Saint Luke's news and information, go to slpres.org.

If you would like to share prayer concerns, or know someone who would (with their permission), you may submit prayer requests for inclusion in the Prayer Guide by sending them to prayerrequest@slpres.org.