



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
July 13, 2025

Today's flowers are given in honor of Lela McIntosh's birthday.

In Preparation for Worship

“Here is the testimony of faith; darkness is not dark to God; the night is as bright as the day.”

– *Barbara Brown Taylor*

Prelude

Reverie
Claude Debussy

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: In reverence, in wonder, in hope, we gather.
All: **With unsettled questions in our hearts,**
Leader: With the mystery of God enshrouding us,
All: **Acknowledging that we who were lost are now found and loved,**
Leader: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn* 664

Morning Has Broken

Prayer of Confession*

God of grace and God of glory, forgive us when we forget that nothing is able to separate us from your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. We confess that the distractions of life and the fear of the unknown cause us to lose our trust in you. Too often we live and act as if you are against us rather than for us. Loving God, forgive our sins. Help us to put our trust in you through Jesus Christ. It is in and through the power and love of Christ we pray this prayer together and now silently. *(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)*

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

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Thanksgiving* 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, who grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:31-39

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

Tell Us Our Story

Abby Bunn

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

Music

How Can I Keep from Singing
arr. Christopher Ruck

Taylor Link

Sermon

Pack Peace and Leave Worry Behind

Shannon Dill

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Taylor Link

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* 840

When Peace like a River

Benediction*

Postlude*

Someone's Singing, Lord
John A. Behnke

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.