



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

## In Preparation for Worship

“Through vulnerability and authenticity, may our courageous conversations lead us to glimpse hope, joy, and beauty—and to become the community God created us to be.” – *A Sanctified Art*

## Prelude

Fragment from Violin Sonata in C Minor  
*Ludwig van Beethoven, transcribed by Moritz Moszkowski*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Moment for Presbyterian Women

Allison Thornton

## Call to Worship\*

Leader: Jesus always saw those around him.  
People: **He saw their joy and their pain.**  
Leader: He invited them in.  
People: **He called them friends.**  
Leader: He does the same for each of us and all of us.  
People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## Opening Hymn\* 411

God Is Here Today

## Prayer of Confession\*

Lord Jesus, you asked questions as much as you answered them.  
You never shied away from conversation.  
You were always sparking curiosity,  
opening people's minds  
and engaging in the art of connection with everyone around you.  
Forgive us when we neglect your call to be in community.  
Help us to value a deeper connection with those around us. Open our hearts again to your gentle guidance.  
Grant us the same curiosity and openness so that our world might be closer to the way you intend it to be.  
In your great love, renew our spirits and restore our hearts.  
It is in and through the power and love of Christ that 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\* 314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17

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

### Tell Us Our Story

David Lower

*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.*

### Sermon

I've Been Meaning to Ask...

Shannon Dill

### 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

Spirit, Open My Heart  
WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Sydney Moss

*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.

### Closing Hymn\* 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

### Benediction\*

### Postlude\*

I've Got Peace Like a River  
*arr. Mark Hayes*

*Today's Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Sarah Are / A Sanctified Art*

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

For the latest Saint Luke's news and information, go to [slpres.org](http://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](mailto:prayerrequest@slpres.org).