



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
August 24, 2025

In Preparation for Worship

“It’s okay to not be okay.” – *Jesus* (paraphrase)

Prelude

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Here in this space, we wear our hearts on our sleeves.
People: **There is no use in filters or walls. This space is an authentic space. This space is a brave space.**
Leader: For when it comes to God, we are always invited to bring our full selves into the room.
People: **So we come into this space with our hurts and our joy, our prayers and our dreams.**
Leader: All of God’s children are welcome here, as their whole selves.
People: **Let us worship the God of mercy and love who welcomes us all!**

Opening Hymn* 177

I Will Come to You

Prayer of Confession*

God of us all,
I’ve been meaning to ask my neighbor... How are you? What has your year been like?
Did you know that I have been thinking of you?
I have been meaning to ask my neighbor... Is your mom okay? Did your sister find a job?
Did you ever think we’d still be here?
I’ve been meaning to ask my neighbor... Did it get any easier? Did the grief subside?
Were you ever able to sleep at night?
I’ve been meaning to ask, but I haven’t. Because it’s hard. Because I want to say the right thing.
Because I’m not sure what you need.
Forgive me, Lord. Forgive me, child of God. Show me where it hurts. Let’s start again.
Family of faith, we could all use some practice in asking where it hurts. And so we take this moment of silent prayer to think of the people in our world, in our lives, who may need me to reach out and ask. We give their names to God.
(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)
Trusting that God hears all things, we say responsively:

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

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Thanksgiving* 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Mark 5:21-43

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 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.

Anthem

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Kyle Pederson

Chancel Choir & Beth Eisenmesser, flute

Sermon

I've Been Meaning to Ask...Where Does It Hurt?

David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

from the Confession of 1967

In Jesus Christ, the world was being reconciled to God.

Jesus Christ is God with humankind.

Christ is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation.

Christ is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission.

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community.

This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other.

Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

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

I Love You, Lord
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

David Clark & Sally Harvey

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.*

Moment for Mental Wellness

Andrea Bryant

Closing Hymn* 797

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

Benediction*

Chorale Amen*

Postlude*

Prelude in A, BWV 536
J.S. Bach

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.

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.