



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
August 31, 2025

In Preparation for Worship

"I'm stuck. It's dark. I'm overwhelmed. and we look and we say, "Hey!" and climb down... "I know what it's like down here. And you're not alone." – *Dr. Brené Brown*

Prelude

Spirit of Gentleness
arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.
People: **For once we were lost and felt so far away;
now we have been found and welcomed home.**
Leader: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.
People: **We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**
Leader: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.
People: **Amen!**

Opening Hymn* 22

God of the Sparrow

Prayer of Confession*

God our Shepherd,
We have gone astray; we feel lost.
We look around and see only darkness.
We cry out to you, and reach out for your hand.
We rejoice that you reach back to us, but we confess that we don't always feel.
Lord, we have prayed aloud, and now we do so silently.

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

Ann Richardson

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-24

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

Tell Us Our Story

Shannon Dill

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

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Maureen Howell

Chancel Choir

Sermon

I've Been Meaning to Ask...Are you Okay?

Michael Sanchez

Affirmation of Faith*

Brief Statement of Faith

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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.

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

Nearer, My God, to Thee
arr. Peter Hilliard

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

Closing Hymn* 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
arr. Melody Bober

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.