



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
September 7, 2025

In Preparation for Worship

"I cannot do all the good that the world needs. But the world needs all the good that I can do." - *Jana Stanfield*

Prelude

Abide With Me
arr. Dan Miller

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Family of faith, this must be the place.

People: **This is the place for connection and growth, for community and hope.**

Leader: This must be the place for questions like, "Where are you from?" and, "What do you need?"

People: **For whispers of: "I've been thinking of you," and, "I've been meaning to ask. . ."**

Leader: This must be the place, because all belong here.

People: **All are welcome here.**

Leader: All who hurt and have joy, all who need and desire prayers, all who dream and love, are welcome here.

People: **God is near. Let us worship the Lord.**

Opening Hymn* 463

How Firm a Foundation

Prayer of Confession*

Gracious God,
sometimes life feels like cooking with flour— it looks like it should be easy, but we always make a mess.
This is particularly true when it comes to our relationships.

We so desperately long to say the right thing, to be the right thing, to find the right solution,
that we overstep the line.

Forgive us for assuming the place you fill.

Forgive us for imagining that we, in all our humanity, could possibly fix all the hurt in this world.

Instead, give us the grace and the strength to stand by our loved ones in their moments of need.

You are God. We are not. Teach us how to be a friend.

Teach us how to ask, "What do you need?"

We turn to you now, our helper and our strength, with the silent prayers of our own needs.

(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

2 Timothy 4:9-18

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

Tell Us Our Story

Michael Sanchez

All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children to Room 120 for "Frolic" (ages PreK and K) or Room 117 for childcare (birth through 3's.) Since this is Family Worship Sunday, all elementary children will remain in worship with their families so that they may participate in Communion. Worship books and other faith formation resources are available on the worship carts and ledges in the Chapel narthex. At the conclusion of worship, any family seeking to learn more about children and communion may come to the front of the Sanctuary to learn more about communion from a pastor and receive resources to continue the conversation at home.

Sermon

I've Been Meaning to Ask...What Do You Need?

David Lower

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.

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table
arr. John Ferguson

Chancel Choir & Rebecca Miller, clarinet

The Offering

Prelude, Op. 11, No. 13
Alexander Scriabin

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* 835

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Fantasy on "Walk Together, Children"
André Thomas

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.