



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
September 14, 2025

In Preparation for Worship

“Vulnerability sounds like truth and feels like courage. Truth and courage aren't always comfortable, but they're never weakness.” – Brené Brown

Prelude

Prélude Op. 12, No. 7
Sergei Prokofiev

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: If you come into this place with the hope of growing deeper,
People: **And asking, “Where do we go from here?”**
Leader: Then Christ would say to us,
People: **Go out into the world, to love and to share and to learn,**
Leader: So let's listen for Christ's voice,
People: **And let us worship God!**

Opening Hymn* 450

Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God,
We are a work in progress, even when we pretend we are complete.
We pretend we have it all figured out, even when we are struggling.
Forgive us for giving up on the things that matter.
Forgive us for taking the easy way out instead of being curious, vulnerable or brave.
Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here.
In your great love, renew our spirits and restore our hearts.
It is in hope and honesty, 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.

Passing of the Peace*

Prayer for Illumination

Linda Elliot

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1:1-22

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

Tell Us Our Story

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

As the Deer
arr. Patricia Sanders Cota

Festival Ringers

Sermon

I've Been Meaning to Ask...Where Do We Go from Here?

Aisha Brooks-Johnson

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir
Kimberly Waters & Beth Eisenmesser, 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.*

Commissioning of the Camino de Santiago Pilgrims

Closing Hymn* 322

We Are One in Christ Jesus
First time - Spanish, Second time - English

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Canto de Esperanza
arr. Anthony Giamanco

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.