



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
September 28, 2025

In Preparation for Worship

“When despair for the world grows in me...I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds. I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come in the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light. For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.” - *The Peace of Wild Things*, Wendell Berry

Prelude

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR
arr. Joshua Evanovich

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: When we are lost and uncertain,
People: **God provides prophets and storytellers to guide us toward the truth.**
Leader: When we are in need of rescue,
People: **God provides refuge and shelter during our darkest days.**
Leader: When we are looking, seeking, and hoping,
People: **God provides open arms to welcome us with love and faithfulness.**
Leader: Come! Let us worship.

Opening Hymn* 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Prayer of Confession*

God, you are the stronghold of our lives.
When life takes us to places we never imagined, you provide hope and bring us back to you.
Forgive the times when we abandon your ways.
Forgive our failure to see your presence in our lives.
Forgive us when we hurt ourselves and one another.
Forgive our fear of those who are different.
Forgive our failure to care for one another.
Gracious God, forgive us and heal us.
Help us return to your open and loving arms, trusting you as the Lord of our lives.
It is in and through the power and love of Christ 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* 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!

Passing of the Peace*

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Hickey

Scripture Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

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

Halle, Halle, Halle
Hal H. Hopson

Children's Choir & Chancel Choir

Sermon

The Peace of Life that is Truly Life

Abby Bunn

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

A Quiet Spirit
Roberta Rowland-Raybold

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* 822

When We Are Living

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Bagatelles, Op. 126, II. Allegro
Ludwig van Beethoven

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.