



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
October 19th, 2025

In Preparation for Worship

"I believe in Christ, like I believe in the sun – not because I can see it, but because by it I can see everything else."

– C.S. Lewis

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Jonathan Scott

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: God said, "Let there be light."
People: **And there was light.**
Leader: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."
People: **And the light shined in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**
Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."
People: **And the light shines for everyone, that all might see.**
Leader: Jesus said, "You shall worship the Lord and serve only God."
People: **And let it be so with us today.**

Opening Hymn* 663

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

Prayer of Confession*

We thank you, O God, for leaving your light in the world, even as we resist becoming the light of the world.
Instead of illuminating your character, we have blurred it.
Instead of loving you with all our being, we do so when it is convenient or self-serving.
Instead of loving our neighbors as ourselves, we are too preoccupied to find them.
Instead of being peacemakers and wall-breakers,
we encourage the arms-makers and wall-makers with our fears and fortunes.
Forgive us for seeing the light, but resisting our call to reflect the light.
You came into the world not to condemn, but redeem.
You set your people on a hilltop so that your light of grace might shine.
Help us walk in your light, and let our lives be a mirror of yours.
We have prayed collectively, and now we pray silently...

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*

Welcome of New Members

Prayer for Illumination

Carol Hickey

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:14-16 (NRSV)

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'll Sing
Molly Ijames

Chancel Choir & Kimberly Waters, flute

Sermon

Light of the World

David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. 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!" 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.

Moment for Stewardship

Ashton Guest

The Offering

'Tis a Gift to be Simple
arr. Anna Laura Page

Festival Ringers

*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* 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
arr. John Carter

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.