



10:30 Worship Service  
Welcome to Saint Luke's!  
November 16, 2025

## In Preparation for Worship

“A book on suffering which says nothing of heaven, is leaving out almost the whole of one side of the account. Scripture and tradition habitually put the joys of heaven into the scale against the sufferings of earth, and no solution of the problem of pain which does not do so can be called a Christian one.” – C.S. Lewis

## Prelude

My Lord! What a Morning  
*arr. Chuck Marohnic*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship\*

Leader: Celebrate and rejoice, all you people of Christ, for the Lord our God is doing a new thing!  
People: **The old order is gone, everything is new!**  
Leader: Illness, disease and crying and mourning,  
shall be as a distant memory! Hatred and war shall cease from the earth.  
People: **For Christ has risen! Death is defeated!**  
Leader: Hallelujah! Jesus lives!  
People: Hallelujah! Amen.

## Opening Hymn\* 373

O Day of Peace

## Prayer of Confession\*

Creator God, we hear your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical.  
We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse.  
The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid, and the present will burden us  
with too little time and too much to do.  
Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that you do not hear us, and our pessimism about tomorrow.  
Do a new thing in our hearts, and let us be glad and rejoice in your abundant care.  
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\* 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose 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

Kay Loerch

## Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25 (NRSV)

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

## Tell Us Our Story

Abby Bunn

*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

Keep Your Lamps!  
*Andre Thomas*

Chancel Choir  
Daryl Moore, congas

## Sermon

I Will Create

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.**

## 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 Presbyterian Women Thornwell Christmas Offering

Christine Crutchfield

## The Offering

Über allen Gipfeln Ist Ruh'  
*Fanny Mendelssohn*

Morgan McCray

*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](http://slpres.org/giving).*
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

## Closing Hymn\* 384

Soon and Very Soon

## Benediction\*

## Choral Amen\*

## Postlude\*

I Sing the Mighty Power of God  
*Matt Limbaugh*

**Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!**

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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](mailto:prayerrequest@slpres.org).