



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
November 23, 2025

In Preparation for Worship

“Our hope is not flimsy or fleeting. It’s gritty, resilient, and can endure—no matter what we fear or face.”

- from “What Do You Fear?” by A Sanctified Art

Prelude

French Suite No. 5, BWV 816, I. Allemande
J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Family of faith, God is at work!
People: **God is healing and creating,**
Leader: Redeeming and dreaming,
People: **Calling and sending,**
Leader: Listening and loving.
People: **Yes, indeed, God is at work!**
Leader: So may we worship our God who never gives up.
All: **May we worship our God who holds onto hope.**

Opening Hymn* 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Prayer of Confession*

Gracious and Loving God,
In a world racked with fear, we confess we often succumb to that fear.
But you, faithful God, gather us together and hold us close.
You remind us that fear cannot win every time.
So with renewed courage,
with renewed hope,
with renewed conviction,
send us out into the world.
Help us to heal others as you have healed us.
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, 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

Mark 2:1-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

David Lower

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

Amen Siakudumisa

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Festival Ringers

Sermon

Insisting on Hope

Shannon Dill

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

Beautiful Savior

arr. Michale Burkhardt

Chancel Choir

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* 772

Live into Hope

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

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J.S. Bach

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.