



SAINT LUKE'S

P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

April 26, 2026



10:30 am Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
April 26, 2026

In Preparation for Worship

“The worst isn’t the last thing about the world. It’s the next to the last thing” – *Frederick Buechner*

Prelude

God Walks With Me
Benjamin Kornelis

Cherub Choir

God walks with me every day for the rest of my life.
God was there with me on the day I was born, just a little baby cradled safe and warm.
God will be with me when the sun shines bright. God will be with me in the darkest night.
God will be with me when I’m old and gray. I’m gonna praise God every day!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Come, all who are weary from the journey.
People: **The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want.**
Leader: Come, all who long for still waters and green pastures.
People: **God leads us, restores us, and gives us rest.**
Leader: Come, all who walk through shadowed valleys.
People: **We will fear no evil, for God is with us.**
Leader: Come, all who hunger for mercy, all who ache for hope.
People: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our life.**
Leader: Come, let us worship the God who guides, accompanies, and welcomes us home.
People: **Let us worship God.**

Opening Hymn* 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Prayer of Confession*

Gracious Shepherd,
we confess that we are not always willing to be led by you.
We prefer our own paths, even when they leave us weary and lost.
We cling to fear in the valley,
as though we were alone.
We let bitterness shape us,
instead of trusting your goodness and mercy to pursue us.
We resist the hard paths of righteousness,
and turn away from the needs of our neighbors.
Restore our souls, O God.
Lead us again in the ways of life.
Set your table before us,
anoint us with mercy,
and teach us to trust that you are with us,
even here, even now.
(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise* 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*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Isabella Maxine Gardner Cortadillo

Joining us today are Anita Gardner (parent); Alex Cortadillo (brother); Park Krausen (aunt); Pat and Jerry Gardner (grandparents), Cindy and Corey Leverette (godparents), Amanda, David, & Anna Jean Lower (lifelong friends)

All children are invited to come forward to the steps for the baptism. Afterwards, 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.

Response Hymn 480

Take Me to the Water

Welcome

Following the elder's statement the congregation shall respond...

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Isabella into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ.

We promise to love, encourage, and support her, to share the good news of the gospel with her, and to help her to know and follow Christ.

Anthem

Fantasy on All Creatures of Our God and King
arr. Sandra Eithun

Festival Ringers

Sermon

The Righteous Groove

Rev. Dr. 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 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

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 inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate in the narthex,
- 2) Scan the QR code or give online via slpres.org/giving,
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

If you give electronically, there is a blue, laminated, electronic giving card in the pew rack to place in the offering plate as it is passed.

Offering Music

Give Me Jesus

Chancel Choir
& Kimberly Waters, clarinet

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

And when I feel afraid, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

And when the trumpet sounds, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

Closing Hymn* 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 6

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need
arr. Robert A. Hobby

Highlights:



Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!
For the latest Saint Luke's news and information go to slpres.org or scan the Highlights QR code.

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.

To give:

