



SAINT LUKE'S

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

May 17, 2026



10:30 am Worship Service

Welcome to Saint Luke's!

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Today's flowers are given in memory of Stan Thornton.

In Preparation for Worship

“Parting is such sweet sorrow,” a famous line from Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet, combines the sadness of saying goodbye with the joy of anticipated reunion. Can you name a time of “sweet sorrow” in your life? Share that memory with someone and tell them why it is significant to you.

Prelude

Nearer, My God, to Thee
arr. Peter Hilliard

Vera Ilyushina

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

from Psalm 68

Leader: Sing to God; sing praises to God's name!
People: **Lift up a song to God who rides upon the clouds.**
Leader: God's name is LORD.
People: **We are exultant before God.**
Leader: Let the righteous be joyful!
People: **Let them be jubilant with joy.**
Leader: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth,
People: **Sing praises to the Lord!**

Opening Hymn* 450

Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Confession*

Holy One, through scripture we know the words and actions of Jesus when he walked on this earth. We want to follow in His footsteps, but we often stray. We make poor decisions. We act out of anxiety and impatience. We speak harmful words to others and to ourselves. Lord, forgive us. Cover us with your mercy. Remind us that as your beloved children, we are to reflect Your love in all we say and do.
(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

Kay Loerch

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 45: 4-7

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

David Lower

All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children to Room 119 for "Frolic" (ages PreK and K) or Room 117 for childcare (birth through 3's.) 1st through 5th graders will gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to 252Kid and 252Preteen. Parents will pick up from The Dock and The Lighthouse. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Special Music

Oblivion
Astor Piazzolla

Vera Ilyushina

Second Scripture Reading

John 17: 1-11

Rev. Jody Andrade

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bowling with Bumpers

Rev. Jody Andrade

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.... 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!"

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.

Moment for Endowment

Mark Reed

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

For This Joy
Susan LaBarr

Chancel Choir
with Vera Ilyushina

Praise for the sun, who by day gives us warmth and enlightens;
Praise for the moon, who the darkest night cheerfully brightens;
Each glittering star shining from ages afar,
Driving away all that frightens.

Praise for the sky under heaven that widely contains us;
Our fertile earth, and her harvest that gently sustains us;
Birds on the wing, lifting their voices to sing,
Free us from all that restrains us.

Our tender hearts, which so wondrously in chambers deeping,
cherish the joys of new love and, at death's call, the weeping.
Sorrow and pain turn to rejoicing again;
Love now in memory keeping.

Praise for this joy in our hearts as we sing of creation!
Wondrous are all the things from firmament down to foundation!
Joyful our praise as all our voices we raise,
Singing in glad celebration!

Closing Hymn* 596

You Are Holy

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Be Thou My Vision
arr. Jonathan Scott

Worship note: There are printed copies of today's sermon available in the Narthex for those who would like to follow along or take one home.

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:

