



SAINT LUKE'S

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

September 6, 2026



10:30 am Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
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In Preparation for Worship

"We must all learn to live together as brothers, or we will all perish together as fools."

– Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Prelude

Eighteenth Variation from Rhapsodie on a Theme of Paganini
Sergei Rachmaninoff, arr. Hermene W. Eichhorn

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: God asks Cain, "Where is your brother?"

People: **We belong to one another, and God calls us to care.**

Leader: God warns us that anger can master us and invites us to choose what is right.

People: **God meets us with truth, mercy, and the chance to begin again.**

Leader: Even when violence stains the ground, God does not surrender the world to violence.

People: **Let us worship the God who hears every cry and calls us toward life.**

Opening Hymn* 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God, you ask us, "Where is your brother? Where is your sister?" Yet we avoid the question. We compare ourselves with others, allow envy to become resentment, and protect our pride at the expense of relationship. We ignore our neighbors' pain and pretend we bear no responsibility for one another. Forgive us. Master the anger within us, soften our hearts, and teach us to become keepers of one another's lives. ...

(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* 591

Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

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Passing of the Peace*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Terri Potter

Scripture Reading

Genesis 4:1-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterward, parents will walk their children to Room 119 for "Frolic" (ages PreK and K) or Room 117 for childcare (birth through 3's.) Since this is Family Worship Sunday, all elementary children will remain in worship with their families so that they may participate in Communion. Worship books and other faith formation resources are available on the worship carts and ledges in the Sanctuary narthex. At the conclusion of worship, any family seeking to learn more about children and communion may come to the front of the Sanctuary to learn more about communion from a pastor and receive resources to continue the conversation at home.

Sermon

The First Family Feud

Rev. Dr. David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

from The Confession of 1967, 9.16-17

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humans. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of the faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created humans in a personal relation with God's own self that humans may respond to the love of the Creator....Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Humans are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Sim Shalom
Jennaya Robison

Chancel Choir

Grant peace, goodness and blessing to us and unto all Israel, your people.

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

In Christ Alone
arr. Lloyd Larson

Kimberly Waters

Closing Hymn* 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Timeless Tribute
Marilynn Ham

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:

