



SAINT LUKE'S

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

October 4, 2026



10:30 am Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
October 4, 2026
World Communion Sunday

In Preparation for Worship

"World Communion Sunday is a celebratory Sunday that invites us to think beyond the walls of our own congregation. On this day, people around the world celebrate Communion as an act of radical unity. While we gather at our own Table to celebrate Christ's joyful feast, we will also remember, with fondness, our siblings in faith celebrating this same meal around the world."

- A Sanctified Art

Prelude

Meghan Tourgée

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

from *Child of Blessing* liturgy

Aurora & Alice Adams

Leader: If you are hungry,

People: there is room at God's table.

Leader: If you are weary,

People: there is a seat saved for you.

Leader: If you dream of belonging,

People: then we will practice belonging here.

Leader: From north, south, east, and west,

People: God invites us all home.

Leader: Let us worship our nourishing God.

Opening Hymn* 595

Holy, Holy, Holy

Prayer of Confession*

Liberating God, you have called us your treasured people and shown us the way that leads to life.
Yet we forget that we belong to you and that we belong to one another.

We give our devotion to lesser gods. We misuse your name to defend our own desires.

We resist the gift of rest and measure ourselves by what we accomplish.

We wound our neighbors through what we do and through what we leave undone.

We distort the truth, grasp for what is not ours, and make your gifts into possessions and our neighbors into competitors.

Forgive us, gracious God.

Release us from all that enslaves us. Write your love upon our hearts and teach us again the freedom of your ways.

With hope in our hearts we pray...

(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, Hallelujah!

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

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Passing of the Peace*

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 14:5-7,10-14,21-29

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

TJ McGoldrick

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 Shape Freedom Takes

Rev. Dr. David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

The 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.**

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

Old Rugged Cross
Victory in Jesus
arr. Meghan Tourgée

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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

Bambelela
arr. Leonorah Kunene

Chancel Choir
Kimberly Waters, soloist
Morgan McCray, conductor

Closing Hymn* 322

We Are One in Christ Jesus

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Meghan Tourgée

Worship Note: A special thanks to Meghan Tourgée for today's music.

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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:

