

SAINT LUKE'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 8, 2026

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

Today's scripture is an Old Testament story about leprosy and healing. More than 800 years later, Jesus heals a man from leprosy. That New Testament story is in Matthew 8: 1-3, page 7 in your pew Bible.

Prelude Sonata Op. 31, No. 3, III. Menuetto & Trio
Ludwig van Beethoven

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship* from *Child of Blessing* liturgy — Jay Favero

Child Leader: What is this? A new teaching with authority.
People: **Teach us Lord. We are willing to be astonished.**
Child Leader: We come not to have all the answers but to be amazed.
People: **Come, let us worship with open hands.**

Opening Hymn* 765 May the God of Hope Go With Us — with The Lukuleles

Prayer of Confession*

God, you love us as your own children. Forgive us when we fail to love you in return. God, you have welcomed us into your family. Forgive us when we do not welcome others. Fill us with your peace. Set us on your path. Help us to share your love with all people. Amen.
(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* 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Passing of the Peace*

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

Prayer for Illumination — Carter Momsen-Hudson

Scripture Reading 2 Kings 5: 1-15a

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

Tell Us Our Story Rev. Dr. 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.

Anthem Draw the Circle Wide — Chancel Choir
Mark A. Miller

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still. Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Sermon Unexpected Sources of Wisdom — Rev. Jody Andrade

Affirmation of Faith* From The Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.25-27

Matthew 28:20 says, "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." 2 Timothy 2:9 says, "The word of God is not fettered." The Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament. We reject the false doctrine, as though the Church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans.

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 Stewardship Mark Reed

Offering of Our Pledges for Stewardship

On this Stewardship Sunday, we pledge our gifts, time, and invitations toward the next year in the life of our church, by submitting 2027 pledge cards or online pledge forms. In addition to pledging support for 2027, all are also invited to give today.

Today pledges and gifts will be made with the offering baskets that are passed through the pews. If you have a 2027 pledge card, or a gift for the church, you are invited to place it in the baskets provided as they are passed.

If you have submitted pledges or gifts online, you are invited to submit a pledge card with your name, and/or the blue online giving cards available in the pews.

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.

**please stand*

Offering Music	You Can Tell the World *Margaret Bonds*	Kimberly Waters
Closing Hymn* 536	Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen	
Benediction*		
Choral Amen*		
Postlude*	Canto de Esperanza *Anthony Giamanco*	

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Call to Worship and Confession are from "Child of Blessing Lectionary Resource," Presbyterian Association of Musicians, David Gambrell et.al.

Worship note: Printed copies of today's sermon are in the Narthex for those who 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: