

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service

October 13, 2024 10:30am

*May God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know
the hope which you are called.*

Ephesians 1:17-18

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of your people.

In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted you, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and they were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

God, you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Listening God, hear your church today as we bring our joys and our concerns, our thanksgivings and our supplications. Fill us with the assurance that you truly hear our words and thoughts, our songs and our tears. Let us worship this day in the name of the one who always shows us the way, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN #139

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is not far from us. When trouble is near, God is our help and our refuge. Let us confess our sins to God, that we might receive mercy, grace and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We know the commandments: You shall not murder; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.

We are sure we follow them, but instead, we cannot let go of the things we think we need or what we think is important. We do not follow you, or love you, O God, with all our hearts, our minds, our strength. We refrain from giving our whole selves to you.

Forgive our disobedience, our lack of commitment, and our desire to focus on material things instead of on your will for us. In the name of our Teacher, Jesus Christ, who gave his whole life for the sake of the gospel. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, you can approach the throne of grace with boldness, and you will receive mercy and find grace in your time of need. In Jesus Christ we find the forgiveness we seek.

HYMN OF RESPONSE #579

“Glory be to the Father”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Your word, O God, is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. May your Word be for us today life and action, beacon and gavel. In the name of the Living Word we pray. **Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

ANTHEM

“Be Thou My Vision”
SLUC Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:17-31

SERMON

“Jesus Does What?!”
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

HYMN #298

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

OFFERING

HYMN #428 (verse 1)

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #210

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

HYMN #593 (Doxology)

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

POSTLUDE