

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service

November 17, 2024 10:30am

Be alert at all times, praying that you may stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let our hearts exult in the Lord;

Our strength is exalted in God.

Let our mouths be ever fixed in praise;

God has given us the victory.

There is no Holy One like the Lord;

There is no Rock like our God. Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, you hear our cries and honor our tears. Stir in us such a passion during worship that we might vow to give you our best, for the glory of your name. **Amen.**

HYMN #482

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the grace of God, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, who is faithful and just, we have failed to help those who have little while we have much.

We are boastful and haughty, and fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. Our arrogance has led us away from your righteous way. Forgive us, Merciful God, and lead us to a humble path of faith, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, Jesus Christ, who gave himself once and for all, forgives and saves.

Therefore, be reconciled to one another, holding fast to the confession of our hope, through Christ our Lord, you are forgiven.

HYMN OF RESPONSE #579

“Glory be to the Father”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, speak your Word to us, and guide our feet, that we might be hearers and doers of your word. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Samuel 1:4-20

ANTHEM

“Sanctuary”
SLUC Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:1-13, 32-37

SERMON

“Table Talk”
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

HYMN #414

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”

OFFERING

Invitation to Present 2025 Pledge

HYMN

“Love the Lord Your God”

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 #420 (verses 1,2,4,5)

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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