

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service — Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025 10:30am

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. Jeremiah 17:7

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“As We Gather”

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us, As we gather may we glorify Your name;
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,
We'll be blessed because we came, We'll be blessed because we came.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. Baptized and freed, grounded in love, let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life, in Christ you resurrect all things. Raise us from death to life, that our transformation may bear witness to the power of your grace in our lives through Jesus Christ. Let us worship you today and lead us to trust in you. **Amen.**

HYMN #476 (Verses 1,3,4,5)

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. So let us be honest and confess what separates us from God and our neighbors, trusting in God's constant desire to forgive and renew.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of judgment and renewal, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water. **Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word! Our faith is not in vain! Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE #579

“Glory Be to the Father”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **Amen, Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Creator God, you created us with free will and freedom of choice. By the power of the Holy Spirit, speak your Word through the words of scripture, that we may live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 1

ANTHEM

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
SLUC Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-10

SERMON

"Trust"
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

HYMN #276

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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 #286

"Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

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