

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service — Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025 10:30am

O come let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

***For the Lord is our God; we are the Lord's people,
the flock that God shepherds.***

Psalm 95:6,7

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG #SPW 199

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #170

“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. **Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE #SPW 122

“He Is Lord”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Shepherd of Souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 53: 1-6

ANTHEM

“Healing at the Fountain”
SLUC Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:22-42

SERMON

“What Do We Need to Believe?”
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

HYMN #387

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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 #106

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

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