

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service — Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025 10:30am

*We know that Christ, being raised from the dead,
will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Romans 6:9*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG #SPW 199

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord our God, we praise you.

We cried to you for help and you answered us.

You have restored our lives;

you have rescued us from the grave.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love.

Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may follow you this day, and always;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. **Amen.**

HYMN #106

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

CALL TO CONFESSION

When your soul is suffering in silence, call out to the Lord our God, who heals our brokenness,
who lifts us up from the pit and restores our lives. Let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy,
and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel.
Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rise up from the dust! Cast off the shroud of sorrow and put on the joy of the Lord.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF RESPONSE #SPW 122

“He Is Lord”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O God of light, by the power of your Holy Spirit, restore our sight, that in these words of Scripture and sermon we may see Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 9:1-20

ANTHEM

“Come Thou Almighty King”
SLUC Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 21:1-19

SERMON

“Fishing, Boats & Breakfast”
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

OFFERING

HYMN #507

“I Come with Joy”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of Loaf and Cup

Prayer Following Communion

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 #343

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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