

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service— Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 10:30 am

*I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.
John 10:14*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

OPENING SONG

“In Christ Alone”
(Verses 1/3/4)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

**Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are,
may regard us with good will.**

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice. Open the gate for us, that we may come and go freely, have life, and have it abundantly. **Amen.**

***HYMN #119**

“The Strife Is O’er”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ’s example.

When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness. Having been brought back into the safety of God’s fold, let us share our peace with one another.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #106 (Refrain/Verse 4/Refrain)**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. **Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

ANTHEM

“Sanctuary”
SLUC Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

SERMON

“What Happens Next?” (Notes to Theophilus)
Rev. Susan Baller-Shepard

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*HYMN #428 (Verse 1) “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #387

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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 #175

“The Lord's My Shepherd, All My Need”

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*HYMN #593

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***POSTLUDE**