

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service— Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026 10:30 am

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6

INTROIT

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered to us everlasting life. Keep our eyes upon you Lord, that we may see your path more clearly, know your Truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly; through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory. Let us worship you this day. **Amen.**

***HYMN #109**

“Christ Is Risen”
Tune: Come Thou Fount

CALL TO CONFESSION

Whoever believes in Christ will not be put to shame. Confident in this promise, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual glory that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #106 (Refrain/Verse 2/Refrain)**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. Let us hear and understand your word. **Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

ANTHEM

“It’s All About the Cross”
SLUC Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-14

SERMON

“Looking For God’s Glory”
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

“In Christ Alone”

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 #443

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*HYMN #593

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*POSTLUDE