

Welcome to  
**St. Luke Union Church**

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**Sunday Worship Service**

June 21, 2026 10:30 am

*In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them,  
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.*

*2 Corinthians 5:19*

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that we might no longer be enslaved to sin. Consider yourselves alive to God in Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy and gracious God, your steadfast love abides with your people in every age. You teach us to trust in you and call us to live in peace with one another. Show us the way to live grateful lives, without fear, knowing the true worth of your creation, including ourselves; in Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN #495**

"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Confident that we are promised newness of life through repentance and forgiveness,  
let us turn to God and to one another, confessing our sin.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Hear our cries to you, O Lord: for our lack of compassion toward the poor, have mercy on us; for our failure to end the destruction of air, water, soil, and creatures on Earth, have mercy on us; for our disbelief in your power to make us whole, have mercy on us; for making war, have mercy on us; for mistrusting your Word, have mercy on us; for all that we have done and have not done out of hardened hearts, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us. Guide us into ways that do not deny you but lead to our union with you. Amen.

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Do not be afraid. The One who was and is and is to come knows you through and through and has overcome death and sin to forgive you, so that you might be delivered into joy that has no end.  
Your sins are forgiven. You are alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #579**

"Glory Be to the Father"

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**CONFIRMATION**

Silas Robert Luna  
Luke Edward Stille

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Harper Lynlee Gifford  
Daughter of Seth & Allison Gifford

**\*HYMN #498**

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

O Lord, send now your Spirit into our midst to entice us and overpower us with the strength of your word. We beg for the strength to hear your call and live according to your will. **Amen.**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

Romans 6:1b-11

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 10:24-39

**SERMON**

“How to Join the Church”  
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*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 #276**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN #593**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**\*POSTLUDE**