

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service

September 13, 2026 10:30 am

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING SONG

“His Mercy is More”

We will remain seated as we sing.

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, bless the Lord,
Bless God’s holy name.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is God’s steadfast love for us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God who is our strength, you have protected us from those who would seek to oppress us.
You have shielded us from those who would seek to destroy the good gifts you have put in us.
Your love and power never fail. Thanks and praise to you, our safety and stronghold. We exalt you,
O God, majestic in holiness for there is none like you. **Amen.**

***HYMN #478**

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God who forgives and saves.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you. Your have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all.
Reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #579**

“Glory Be to the Father”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SOLO

"All Hail King Jesus"
Robby Pratt

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy God, your Word is strong and leads our feet to your holy dwelling place. Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 50:15-20

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

"Math of Heaven"
Rev. Susan Baller-Shepard

Spiritual Challenge #10:

Take one move forward with forgiveness. Maybe you write an apology, or you tell someone you accept their apology? Maybe you release a long held grudge or hurt to God in a written prayer. Consider what you're being called to think about in terms of forgiveness today?

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN #347

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

We will remain seated as we sing.

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.

*HYMN #298

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*HYMN #593

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Our tradition is joining hands for our final song. For those who'd prefer not to join hands, raising your hands in a prayer or praise position signals this to your neighbor.

***POSTLUDE**

Thank you to today's liturgist, Lynne Wright.

Thank you to today's guest musician, Robby Pratt.