

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service

September 20, 2026 10:30 am

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

ANTHEM

“A Jubilant Song”
SLUC Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people. **Give thanks to the Lord.**
The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done. **Give thanks to the Lord.**
God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God’s covenant.
Give thanks to the Lord, Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God who knows our every need before we can even ask, You bless us all. Make us truly thankful and empower us to bless others from the gifts you have given us, for the glory of your name. **Amen**

*HYMN

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving, grace beyond our ability to earn it.

God has granted us the privilege of believing in Christ; therefore we will live as grateful and forgiven people! Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #579

“Glory Be to the Father”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

~Jacque Hawkins

~Laura Robison

CHURCH'S WORDS OF WELCOME

We welcome you Jacque and Laura with joy into the life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and to be witnesses of our risen Savior.

SOLO

"All Hail King Jesus"

Robby Pratt

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Let the wisdom of your Word rain down on us like manna and feed us, that we may be strengthened to do the work to which we are called, for the glory of honor of your name. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15

*HYMN #281

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

"What'd You Get?"

Rev. Susan Baller-Shepard

Spiritual Challenge #11:

Think about the last time you compared yourself to someone else. How did that feel? Now, list 5 things you are grateful for in your life. Attributed to Theodore Roosevelt, "Comparison is the thief of joy," reminds us how comparison can steal from our days, while gratitude is a path back to recalling God's generosity.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN #343

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*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, Norm Lopez.

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