

# Saint Luke Presbyterian Church

March 1, 2026

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent



**God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people; he was sent to save them! John 3:16-17**

## *Gathering for the Word*

Prelude

"Just A I Am " arr. Gordon Young

Our Life Together at St. Luke

Please pass the friendship books to mark your participation and to greet others in your row.

Time of Centering and Stillness

Choral Introit

"O God, You Search Me"

Responsive Call to Worship (Psalm 121)

one: I lift up my eyes to the hills. Where will I find help?

all: **My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.**

one: Let us worship God, who keeps us day and night.

all: **Let us worship God, who holds our life.**

†Morning Prayer ending with: And all God's children say... **Amen**

†Opening Hymn # 159

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy Lord, we confess that in spite of your faithfulness to us, we have not been faithful to you. We are hesitant to venture into the unknown; we hear your call, but have many excuses. We would rather stay where we are and do what is familiar and comfortable; help us and free us to be your joyful people. Amen.**

Choral Request for Pardon

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

Assurance of Forgiveness

one: Friends, believe the Good News! all: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

†Gloria Patri # 581 **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen. Amen.**

†Passing the Peace of Christ

one: May the peace of Christ be with you all. all: **And also with you.**

## *Hearing of the Word*

Word With the Wise (a time for the young and the young at heart)

one: God loves you; I love you... all: **And all the people of Saint Luke love you too.**

Unison Prayer for Illumination

**Loving God, we come to hear your call. We open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to you. Help us have enough faith and trust in your loving grace to respond to the challenges before us, for the love of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

First Readings

Genesis 12:1-4 and Romans 4:1-5, 16-17

Choir Anthem

"In Love Christ Came"

Second Readings John 3:1-9, 16-17 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:9-10

Message "Born of The Wind"

***Responding to the Word***

†Hymn # 442

"Just As I Am Without One Plea"

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

†Doxology # 606 Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Merciful God of grace and truth, we offer our lives in response to your gift of Jesus, the sign of your everlasting love. Breathe your Spirit into us and empower us to share that love wherever we go and in all we say and do in Christ's name. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (using "Debts")

†Communion Hymn # 533

"In the Singing"

†Affirmation of Faith (Brief Statement of Faith, lines 65-71)

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.**

The Lord's Supper

one: The Lord be with you. all: ***And also with you.*** one: Lift up your hearts. all: ***We lift them to the Lord.*** one: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. all: ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.*** one: It is truly right... With all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name; all: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.** one: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ... Great is the mystery of faith. all: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.** one: Merciful God, by your Holy Spirit bless and make holy... Holy things for holy people. all: **One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ!**

Prayer after Communion

†Our Motivational and Missional Statement **As the people of Saint Luke Presbyterian Church, we offer to God our hands of service, hands of faith, and open hands of love. Holy Spirit, unite us in this calling and send us forth to serve.**

†Closing Hymn # 702

"Christ Be Beside Me"

†Charge and Benediction

†Choral Response

"Jesus Remember Me"

†Postlude

"Bunessan" arr. Hal H. Hopson

†The congregation is invited to stand in body or spirit.