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The hymns today come from The Methodist Hymnal.

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SILENT MEDITATION: "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long."
Psalm 23:5-6

GATHERING MUSIC
GREETING
PRELUDE

"I Will Sing"

David Haas

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 381 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (From Psalm 46)

One: God is our refuge and strength.

All: A very present help in trouble.

One: Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change;

All: And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;

One: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride.

All: The LORD of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Steadfast and Loving God, you have blessed us with places of beauty and security. We have found strength and solace in many of those places. For this we are grateful. We have come to trust these places more than your sustaining and gracious presence. Forgive us and let us seek your peace, which is sure and steadfast even when all else may crumble around us. Renew our trust in the assurance that you are our refuge and strength. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI** 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.

MOMENTS WITH MINNIE

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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 sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Worlds Apart"

Roger Miller

SCRIPTURE

Luke 21:5-19

SERMON

"It's No Reason For A Bad Hair Day"

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 529 "How Firm a Foundation" (vs 1,2,4,5)**

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS "Blessed Be the Name"

Unknown composer
Arr. Carol Tornquist

***CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP — DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

Generous and Loving God, from hearts of thanks and praise, we dedicate to you our lives and the gifts we bring. May the practice of giving free us from distractions and dependencies on sources of hope that only fail us. Bring us to the fullness of joy that comes when we extend your presence through our shared ministry. Amen

We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword. (Refrain)

We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love, and show us that God is love. (Refrain)

We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God. (Refrain)

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

“Put Your Hand in the Hand”

Gene MacLellan

The Liturgist today is Linda Sehart

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT MOVIE

Please join us for a freewill donation meal and Advent movie following today's Worship. The movie for the adults will inspire hope and joy at a time when love and peace seem to be beyond reach. The movie's theme is used throughout the Advent Season.

The children's movie will inspire their preparation for the upcoming Christmas Pageant. The children will also have games and a craft to celebrate the start of the Advent Season! We can't wait to see you there!

If you can't attend and would like to know more about the movie, please contact the church office.

HOLIDAY HELPERS

We are again participating in the Independence School District's Holiday Helper Campaign. We will collect money from through Sunday, December 7th.

The donations will go to families in need that aren't helped by other programs.

A family from our congregation will be matching all our gifts up to \$500. Look for a Holiday Helper can, on the back table in the Fellowship Hall.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will be available to be purchased on Sundays, November 16th and 23rd. The cost is \$10/ea. See Carol Lyon for more details.

HVAC FUND

There is an HVAC Fund established for the replacement of the HVAC system. Support for that fund is being accepted to soften the hit when contracts have been secured to replace the existing system. You may donate in person by marking your donation HVAC and placing in the offering box or by donating online or via the app.

CALENDARS

Pastor Paul does a weekly quote from his sermons. These quotes have been made into a wall calendar for 2026 and are available to be purchased for \$17/each. They are nice, sturdy calendars with plenty of room to write on. The 2024 calendar and a sign up sheet is available on the back table so you can see what it looks like. Orders, along with the payment, are due by November 23rd.

SHARING TABLE

Take time on Sundays, or anytime during normal office hours, to **SHOP** at the sharing table. There are Bibles and some old hymnals available if you would like to take one or even more.

CHECK IN, SHARE AND COMMENT ON FACEBOOK



If you are worshipping in person, please “Check-in” on Facebook, then, share the service, comment on it and like it. You are encouraged to have your device out during the service. If the music inspires you, tell Matthew and Margie by commenting about how wonderful it was or say thank you. If the sermon speaks to you, comment with how it touched you. If there is a great story during Moments with Minnie or a kid makes you laugh, comment and tell what it was.

INSTAGRAM

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays 10:45 AM Online & In person Worship followed by in person fellowship
Monday—Friday, 9:45 AM Live with Pastor Paul in Windows Facebook Group
Monday & Wednesday, 6:30 PM NA Meeting

For more information about any of these, please email the church office at stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org

GIVING OPTIONS

If you wish to make a donation to St. Luke’s, there are several options available:

1. Check mailed to church office at 727 N. Main, Independence, MO 64050
2. Internet donation – you may now donate from a secure site by clicking on the Give Now button on the website.
3. Electronic funds transfer – your offering can be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account.

To sign up, click here. After completing the form, contact the church office stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org for instructions.

4. Vanco Mobile App - download the free app on Google Play or the App Store. Enter St Lukes (without punctuation) as the church name Select St. Luke's United Church of Christ in Independence. From there you can create an account and use the app for donations.
5. Text the word GIVE to 816-312-5053 and you will be directed to a secure site for giving.

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If you are visiting today we would love to connect with you.
Text CONNECT to 816-312-5053 or use the QR code to the right.



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