

JOYS Pastor
L: We give thanks to God for these many blessings.
P: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "My Life Is in You, Lord" TFWS-2032

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

"Open Our Eyes" TFWS-2086

† **SCRIPTURE** Matthew 25:14-30
L: The Word of the Lord
P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Parable of Ten Talents" Pastor

HYMN "Lord, Be Glorified" TFWS-2150

THANKSGIVING

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS
L: Lord in your mercy.
P: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH-895

CONFESSION People

Lord of mercy and justice, you have given us many talents and gifts to use in your world. You have given us these gifts because you trust us to use them well, and you will be with us in all our work. But we disappoint you when we put down the value of our talents or become so fearful of failure. Lord, forgive us. Help us to trust in the gifts you have given to us and to trust in your guidance in using them. Give us hearts for serving you all our days. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Pastor

OFFERING

† **DOXOLOGY** UMH-95

† **OFFERING PRAYER** Pastor

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/COMMUNION UMH-13

SENDING FORTH

† **HYMN** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" TFWS-2153

† **DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Pastor

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SERVING YOU TODAY

PIANIST (Saturday) Julie Eschliman
(Sunday) Julie Eschliman

ALTAR DECORATIONS Kim & Brad Memming in honor of Granddaughter Eleanor's Birthday

8:30 WORSHIP

USHERS George & Paula Scheel
LITURGIST Paula Scheel
TECHNOLOGY Nancy McMeen
COMMUNION -----

9:30am - Join us downstairs in the fellowship hall for coffee, juice and treats. Ray Schacht & Shirley Gibson

10:30 WORSHIP

USHERS -----
LITURGIST -----
TECHNOLOGY Tech Team
COMMUNION -----

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THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

St. Luke United Methodist Church

September 16, 2023 - 5:30pm September 17, 2023 - 8:30 & 10:30am

Our Vision Statement

Make a difference in the world by sharing God's love

PRELUDE

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP** Pastor

L: The time for harvest is close at hand.
What have you done with the gifts God has given you?

P: We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.

L: Praise God for the gifts and service opportunities that they represent.

P: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

L: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

P: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.

† **OPENING PRAYER** Pastor

† **HYMN** "Shout to the Lord" TFWS-2074

† **Stand as you are able**