

Worship Leader Edition
Blessing of the Backpacks and Animals

August 27, 2023

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME by Jubilee (Invite people to download bulletin from the website—stlukesbloomington.org)

+OPENING SONG

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

Brian Doerkson

Chorus

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time
to give your heart

One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are
before your God Come

Chorus

Verse

Verse

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God

Chorus

Ending

Come Come

+LITANY – BLESSINGS (*Katie Baltgalvis*)

L: For the marvels of your creation,

C: we praise you, O God.

L: For the opportunity to explore and study,

C: we praise you, O God.

L: For those who guide us, teachers and mentors,

C: we praise you, O God.

L: For companionship from pets and for those who care for them

C: we praise you, O God.

L: Teach us your ways and guide us in your path, for you are the creator of all that is, seen and unseen.

C: Amen

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Katie Baltgalvis*)

L: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Front Center*) (*Bette Gamboni*)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS (Emily)

FIRST READING (*Lectern*) (*Bette Gamboni*)

Psalm 148

L: Please join me in reading Psalm 148 (call and response)

L: Praise for God’s Universal Glory

C: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

L: from the heavens;

C: Praise the LORD!

L: in the heights!

C: Praise the LORD!

L: all his angels;

C: Praise the LORD!

L: all his host!

C: Praise the LORD!

L: sun and moon;

C: Praise the LORD!

L: all you shining stars!

C: Praise the LORD!

L: you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

C: Praise the LORD!

L: for he commanded and they were created. He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

C: Praise the LORD!

L: from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

C: Praise the LORD!

L: for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to the LORD!

C: Praise the LORD!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL *{Rob}*

Matthew 13:31-32

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+SONG OF THE DAY

"He is Exalted"

Twila Paris/Mark Cole

Verse 1

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

I will praise Him

He is exalted forever exalted

And I will praise His name

Chorus

He is the Lord

Forever His truth shall reign

Heaven and earth

Rejoice in His holy name

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

Repeat Verse 1

Chorus (two times)

Ending

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

He is exalted

The King is exalted on high

+THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Katie Baltgalvis)*

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Katie Baltgalvis)*

After each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER *Katie Baltgalvis*)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come: your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS {Rob}

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

Screen

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

“Glory, Let There Be Peace”

C. Stevens; M Maher /D. Galbraith

Jubilee Praise Team

SENDING

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (Rob)

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

+CLOSING SONG

“My Savior Lives”

J. Egan; G. Packiam/D. Galbraith

Verse 1

Our God will reign forever
And all the world will know His name
Ev'ryone together
Sing the song of the redeemed

Chorus

I know that my Redeemer lives
And now I stand on what He did
My Savior my Savior lives

Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say
Jesus You are the only way
My Savior my Savior lives

Verse 2

The King has come from Heaven
And darkness trembles at His name
Victory forever
Is the song of the redeemed

Chorus

Bridge (three times)

My Savior lives
My Savior lives
My Savior lives

Chorus (two times)

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} *Katie Baltgalvis*)

L: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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This Week at St. Luke's

Sunday, 8/27

8:30 AM -- Worship (In-Person and Live Streamed)
10:00 AM – Worship (In-Person/Outdoor Worship)
1:00 PM – House of Ezra (Great Room)

Monday, 8/28

11:00 AM – Care Ministry Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 PM – Missions Meeting (Conference Room)
7 PM GA-Women's (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, 8/29

9:00 AM – Yard Care Group-stay as long as you can
7:00 PM – AA (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, 8/31

9:00 AM – Yard Care Group-stay as long as you can
7:00 PM – Jubilee-(Sanctuary)
7:00 PM – GA (Fellowship Hall)
7:30 PM – Al-Anon Meeting (Youth Room)

Sunday, 9/3

8:30 AM -- Worship (In-Person and Live Streamed)
10:00 AM – Worship (In-Person and Live Streamed)
1:00 PM – House of Ezra (Great Room)

Upcoming Opportunities – Note on Welcome Card if interested
*God's Work, Our Hands September 10th immediately after both services 9AM – Noon

*Rob's 25th Anniversary of Ordination Sunday, October 1st, 11:30 AM RSVP the link in the invite you received or Diane LaFontaine 952.686.3158 or dmlafontaine@comcast.net by **September 13th**.

*Feed My Starving Children Saturday September 16th, 9:00AM – 10:45 Roger Lyson's 70th Birthday Celebration

*Get to know St. Luke's Luncheon Sept. 17, 11:15 AM

*Wednesday Night Live Kickoff Parents & Students 5:30 PM September 20

*Sailing Trip for Adults 9/22-24 – around the Apostle Islands on Lake Superior

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9:00 AM to 4:00 PM **Summer hours**

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