

St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
Sabbath

June 25, 2023

10:00 AM

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GATHERING

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GATHERING MUSIC

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

+OPENING SONG

“Love the Lord”

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*Lincoln Brewster/ Ed Hogan*

**Verse 1**

Love the Lord your God  
With all your heart  
With all your soul  
With all your mind  
And with all your strength  
(REPEAT)

**Chorus 1**

With all your heart  
With all your soul  
With all your mind  
With all your strength

Love the Lord your God  
With all your heart  
With all your soul  
With all your mind  
And with all your strength

**Verse 2**

I will serve the Lord  
With all my heart  
With all my soul  
With all my mind  
And with all my strength  
(REPEAT)

**Chorus 2**

With all my heart  
With all my soul  
With all my mind  
With all my strength

I will serve the Lord  
With all my heart  
With all my soul  
With all my mind  
And with all my strength

**Bridge**

I will love You (echo)  
I will praise You (echo)  
I will serve You (echo)  
I will trust You (echo)

**Chorus 3**

With all my heart  
With all my soul  
With all my mind  
With all my strength  
(REPEAT)

I will love You Lord  
With all my heart  
With all my soul  
With all my mind  
And with all my strength  
(REPEAT 2X)

+LITANY FOR SABBATH REST *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

Screen

L: Because the daily pressure of life weighs heavy on our minds, on our bodies, and on our spirits.

**C: We need a time of Sabbath rest.**

L: Because the stresses of our culture often leave us feeling burdened and looking for hope.

**C: We need a time of Sabbath rest.**

L: Because rest, fun, leisure, and naps help us cope and feel refreshed.

**C: We need a time of Sabbath rest.**

L: Because we think more clearly, love more freely, and share more joyfully when we are well rested.

**C: We need a time of Sabbath rest.**

L: Giver of Life, help us recognize when we need to stop and care for ourselves. Allow us to enjoy a Sabbath as often as we need one. Allow us to rest without guilt so that we may work with more joy.

**C: We are thankful for the gift of Sabbath rest. Amen.**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

L: Gracious God, in six days you created all things. On the seventh day you finished your work by resting. You also blessed and hallowed the seventh day, setting it aside as a day of rest. Teach me, Lord, what this means for me. May my life not primarily be formed by the demands of my work, the expectations of my culture, or the urgings of my feelings. Rather, may my life be formed by you, by your example, by your truth. Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

**C: Amen.**

*Taken from Mark D. Roberts, Life for Leaders, a Devotional Resource of the DePree Leadership Center at Fuller Theological Seminary*

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most of all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Mollie Erickson)

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WORD

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *{On Floor Pulpit Side}* (Emily)

FIRST READING *{Lectern}* (Paul Sundet)

Deuteronomy 15:1-2; 7-11

Every seventh year you shall grant a remission of debts. And this is the manner of the remission: every creditor shall remit the claim that is held against a neighbor, not exacting it of a neighbor who is a member of the community, because the Lord's remission has been proclaimed. If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is near," and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are

always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Teleen Saunders

+SONG OF THE DAY

“Indescribable”

Screen

*Laura Story/Dan Galbraith*

**Verse 1**

From the highest of heights  
to the depths of the sea  
Creation revealing Your majesty

Or seen heavenly storehouses  
laden with snow

From the colors of Fall  
to the fragrance of Spring  
Ev'ry creature unique  
in the song that it sings  
All exclaiming

Who imagined the sun  
and gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us  
the coolness of night  
None can fathom

**Chorus 1**

Indescribable uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing God

**Chorus 1**

**Interlude**  
You are amazing God

All powerful untamable  
Awestruck we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God

**Chorus 1**

**Chorus 2**  
Indescribable uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing God

**Verse 2**

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt  
where it should go

Incomparable unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart  
And You love me the same  
You are amazing God

+THE APOSTLES' CREED *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

Screen

**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 *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

Screen

*After each petition:*

L: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (Angela Hansen)

**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.**

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE {*Front Center*} (*Angela Hansen*) Please be seated

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, and there is a QR code in the bulletin to give electronically. For those online please go to our website [stlukesbloomington.org](http://stlukesbloomington.org) and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

SONG

“Amazing Grace (Peace Easy Feeling)”  
*Jubilee Praise Team*

*John Newton/Eagles*

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SENDING

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+BENEDICTION (*Teleen Saunders*)

L: May we release the control of all we carry tightly and find rest, trusting that God can work all things for good.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

“Majestic”

*Screen*

*Lincoln Brewster/Dan Galbraith*

Verse

O Lord our Lord  
How majestic is Your name  
In all the earth

The mountains-  
They bow down before You  
So I'll join with the earth  
And I'll sing

O Lord our Lord  
How majestic is Your name  
In all the earth

The heavens declare  
Your greatness  
The oceans cry out to You

**Chorus 1**

The heavens declare  
Your greatness  
The oceans cry out to You

The mountains-  
They bow down before You  
So I'll join with the earth  
And I'll give my praise to You

The mountains-  
They bow down before You  
So I'll join with the earth  
And I'll give my praise to You

**Bridge**

I will worship You  
I will worship You

**Verse 1**

We will worship You  
We will worship You

**Chorus 2**

The heavens declare  
Your greatness  
The oceans cry out to You

**Chorus 2**

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Angela Hansen*)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

REPRISE

**Altar Flowers Today Given by  
Mark Roberts**

**In celebration of Barb Roberts's birthday.  
and**

**Diane Aga**

**In loving memory of my 3 precious children...  
My newborn baby boy, and my son Steven James,  
and my daughter Julie Lynn...all 3 gone too soon.**

**“A mother's love never dies”.**