

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Isaiah

July 23, 2023

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

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

+OPENING SONG

“I Walk by Faith”

Chris Falson

Chorus 1

I walk by faith each step by faith
To live by faith I put my trust in You
I walk by faith each step by faith
To live by faith I put my trust in You

Chorus 1

Verse 1

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Ev'ry step I take is a step of faith
No weapon formed against me shall prosper
And ev'ry prayer I make is a prayer of faith
If my God is for me who can be against me

Tag

I put my trust in You
I put my trust in You
I put my trust in You

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Mollee Erickson*)

L: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Mollee Erickson*)

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*} (*Rob*)

WORD

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

FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Judy Ludwigson*)

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-4

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+SONG OF THE DAY

"What A Friend"

*Maher; Hein; Palmer; Parker/
Kerr; Galbraith*

Verse 1

Everybody has trials and temptations
Everybody knows heart break, isolation
But we can lay our burdens down
Lay our burdens down

Chorus 1

What a friend we have in Jesus
East to west my sins are gone
I see grace on every horizon
And forever and ever
His heart is my home

Verse 2

Everybody has fears
Everybody got worries
Everybody knows sorrow, devastation
But we can lay our burdens down
Lay our burdens down

Chorus 1

Bridge 1

No more betrayal for He is faithful
He fills me up
And my cup runneth over
No more betrayal for He is faithful
How He has proven it over and over

Bridge 2

No more betrayal for He is faithful
He fills me up
And my cup runneth over
No more betrayal for He is faithful
How He has proven it over and over
Over and oh-

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

What a friend we have in Jesus
East to west my sins are gone
I see grace on every horizon
And forever and ever
His heart is my home

+THE APOSTLES' CREED *{Front Center}* (Mollee Erickson)

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}* (Mollee Erickson)

Screen

After each petition:

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (Mollee Erickson)

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 {Center} (Mollee Erickson) 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 on-line please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

SONG

“Stand in Your Love”
Jubilee Praise Team

Hulse; Baldwin; Harris; Springer/
Bethel Music

SENDING

+BENEDICTION (Rob)

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

C: **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

“Old Church Choir”

Zach Williams, et al.

Verse 1

There's revival and it's spreading
Like a wildfire in my heart
A Sunday morning hallelujah
And it's lasting all week long
Can you hear it
Can you feel it
It's the rhythm of a gospel song
Oh once you choose it you can't lose it

Prechorus

There ain't nothing
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

Chorus 1

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful
I've got a heart overflowing
'Cause I've been restored
(No) there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

Verse 2

When the valleys that I wander
Turn to mountains that I can't climb

+DISMISSAL {Front Center} (Mollee Erickson)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

REPRISE

*Altar Flowers Today Given by
Dick & Judy Sandeen
In honor of our 8th Anniversary*

Oh You are with me You never leave me
Oh, cause there ain't nothing
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

Interlude

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful

Bridge

Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'Til you find that gospel beat
'Cause He's all you'll ever need
All you'll ever need
Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'Til you find that gospel beat
'Cause He's all you'll ever need
All you'll ever need

Prechorus

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I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful

Chorus 1

Tag

Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy