

Worship Leader Edition  
Wisdom

August 6, 2023

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Britt Halaas)

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Front Center}* (Jo Bauman)

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L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

L: Let us take a moment for silent reflection (pause)

L: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

+OPENING HYMN

“Father Most Holy”

ELW #415

**Verse 1**

Father most holy, merciful, and tender;  
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;  
Spirit of comfort advocate defender,  
light never waning.

**Verse 3**

Maker of all things, all thy creatures praise thee;  
all for thy worship were and are created;  
now, as we also worship thee devoutly,  
hear thou our voices.

**Verse 2**

Trinity blessed, unity unshaken;  
goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,  
light of the angels joy of those forsaken,  
hope of all living.

**Verse 4**

Lord God Almighty, unto thee be glory,  
one in three persons, over all exalted!  
Glory we offer, praise thee and adore thee,  
now and forever.

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Britt Halaas)

L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (Britt Halaas)

L: God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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WORD

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FIRST READING (Betty Bender)

Proverbs 8:1-11

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: “To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it. Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right; for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. They are all straight to one who understands and right to those who find knowledge. Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

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**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:56-58

Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad.” Then the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Jo Bauman, Pastor

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

**ELW # 771**

**Verse 1**

God, who stretched the spangled heavens  
infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance  
through the silent fields of space:  
we, your children in your likeness,  
share inventive pow’rs with you;  
great Creator still creating,  
show us what we yet may do.

probed the secrets of the atom,  
yielding unimagined pow’r,  
facing us with life’s destruction  
or our most triumphant hour.

**Verse 3**

As each far horizon beckons,  
may it challenge us anew;  
children of creative purpose,  
serving others, hon’ring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise;  
each endeavor well begun;  
great Creator give us guidance  
till our goals and yours are one..

**Verse 2**

We have ventured worlds undreamed of  
since the childhood of our race;  
known the ecstasy of winging  
through untraveled realms of space;

+THE APOSTLES’ CREED {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

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**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*} (*Britt Halaas*)

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*After each petition:*

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

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 all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

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## MEAL

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### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*Jo Bauman*)

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L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*brief intro*)

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**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Jo Bauman*)

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Jo Bauman*)

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**C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

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**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (*On Screen*)

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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](http://stlukesbloomington.org) there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Lori Murray*

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Jo Bauman*)

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

L: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use our gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

**C: Amen.**

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## SENDING

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+BENEDICTION (*Jo Bauman*)

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. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**Verse 1**

Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above.  
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

**Verse 2**

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old,

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

**Verse 3**

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.