

St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
Wisdom

August 20, 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

“Great and Mighty is He”

*T. Pettygrove/D. Burgess*

**Chorus 1 Repeat 2x**

Great and mighty is He  
Great and mighty is He  
Clothed in glory  
Arrayed in splendor  
Great and might is He

**Verse 1**

**Chorus 1**

**Chorus 2**

Great and might is He  
Great and mighty is He  
Clothed in glory  
Arrayed in splendor

**Verse**

Let us lift His name on high  
Celebrate His grace  
For He has redeemed our lives  
And He reigns on high

Great and mighty is  
Great and mighty is  
Great and mighty is He

**Chorus 1 Repeat 2x**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center} (Bette Gamboni)*

L: O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

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)*

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WORD

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

FIRST READING *(Laurie Blanchard)*

Song of Solomon 2:10-17

My beloved speaks and says to me: “Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the covert of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely. Catch us the foxes, the little foxes, that ruin the vineyards— for our vineyards are in blossom.” My beloved is mine and I am his; he pastures his flock among the lilies. Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle or a young stag on the cleft mountains.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:43-48

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

MESSAGE

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+SONG OF THE DAY

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*W. & H. Pritchard/ B Henderson*

**Verse 1**

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find ourselves in thee:

By thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to thy glorious throne

Israel's Strength and Consolation  
Hope of all the earth thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart.

**Verse 3**

I will praise my great Redeemer,  
Lord of Lords and King of Kings.  
Let the worship rise within me.  
"You are Lord" my heart will sing.

**Verse 2**

Born, thy people to deliver:  
Born a child, and yet a King;  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring:

Lost, now found, sick, now healed,  
Saved to show Your matchless grace.  
Waiting with hope and great assurance  
'til I see Your glorious face

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

*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*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

*Screen*

*After each petition:*

L: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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## MEAL

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS {*Front Center*} (*Rob*)

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Rob*)

**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.**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE/COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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, 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 SONG

“Now Behold the Lamb”  
*Jubilee Praise Team*

*Kirk Franklin*

*Please stand as you are able.*

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*)

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

**C: Amen.**

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Bette Gamboni*)

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 (*Rob*)

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

+SENDING 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**

**Chorus 1**

**Verse 1**

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

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

REPRISE

*Altar Flowers Today*  
*Given by:*  
*Bev Brosam*  
*In honor of my sister*  
*Lori Brosam's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday*