

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Labor Day Weekend

September 3, 2023

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

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

+OPENING SONG

“The First and the Last”

J. Houston; R. Morgan/D. Galbraith

Verse 1

You are the First and the Last
Beginning and the End
The promise of wonders to come
The future is in Your hands
Caught in the light
With all the earth we will sing

Verse 2

You are the author of love
Our freedom is in Your Name
Embracing the cross meant for us
And brought us to life again
Caught in the love with all we are
Let us sing

Chorus 1

God our hope and our salvation
Worthy of all the praise
Be our light everlasting
Great is Your Name
Jesus the First and the Last

Verse 3

Show us the way of Your love
Lead us toward the truth

Stir up the fire in us
To live out this life for You
Caught in Your Name
Jesus forever we'll sing

Chorus 1

Bridge

Every heart, every nation
will hear the sound
As Your light breaks
through the darkness
And Your Name rings out
Every distant horizon
will meet as one

Singing holy is Your name
We sing holy is Your Name

Chorus 2

God our hope and our salvation
Worthy of all the praise
Be our light everlasting
Great is Your Name

Chorus 1

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

L: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through 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)

WORD

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

FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Donna Tabat*)

Genesis 4:8-15

Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the Lord said, "What have you done? Listen; your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground! And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me." Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:12-17

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+SONG OF THE DAY

"Amazing Grace/Peaceful Easy Feeling"

John Newton, The Eagles

Verse 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
I was blind, but now I see.

Chorus

And I've got a peaceful, easy feeling,
And I know you won't let me down
Cause I'm already standing on solid ground.

Verse 2

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Chorus

Verse 3

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

Chorus 2

And I've got a peaceful, easy feeling,
And I know you won't let me down
Cause I'm already standing,
I'm already standing,
Yes I'm already standing on solid ground

+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.

MEAL

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 there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION SONG

“Indescribable”
Jubilee Praise Team

Laura Story/Dan Galbraith

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.

SENDING

+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

“Your Grace is Enough”

Matt Maher/John Wasson

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-chorus

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong

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

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

REPRISE

You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Pre-chorus

Chorus 1

Chorus 1

Pre-chorus

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me
Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me
For me

Altar Flowers Today

Given by:

David Skinner

In memory of Molly

on the 1st anniversary of her passing