

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Biblical and Everyday Heroes

September 17, 2023

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

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

+OPENING SONG

“Days of Elijah”

Mark Robin/Mark Cole

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored

And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness
and sword

Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus 1

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call

So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise

And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in Your world
And we are the laborers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Chorus 1

Bridge x3

There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah

Chorus 1 x2

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

L: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

INSTALLATION OF PATRICK LAIR, CHOIR DIRECTOR

+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} (Rob)*

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

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

FIRST READING *{Lectern} (Bette Gamboni)*

Genesis 18:1-5; 21:1-7

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:39-47

They answered him, 'Abraham is our father.' Jesus said to them, 'If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing what Abraham did, but now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. You are indeed doing what your father does.' They said to him, 'We are not illegitimate children; we have one father, God himself.' Jesus said to them, 'If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot accept my word. You are from your father the devil, and you choose to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. Which of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is from God hears the words of God. The reason you do not hear them is that you are not from God.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+SONG OF THE DAY

"All Who Are Thirsty"

Brenton Brown; Glenn Robertson

Verse 1

All who are thirsty
 All who are weak
 Come to the fountain
 Dip your heart in the stream of life
 Let the pain and the sorrow
 Be washed away
 In the waves of His mercy
 As deep cries out to deep
 (We sing)

Chorus 2

Holy Spirit come
 Holy Spirit come
 (REPEAT)

Interlude

As deep cries out to deep
 As deep cries out to deep
 As deep cries out to deep we sing

Chorus 1

Come Lord Jesus come
 Come Lord Jesus come
 (REPEAT)

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

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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*} (*Angela Hansen*)

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

"Here is Bread"
Jubilee Praise Team

Graham Kendrick

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 (*Angela Hansen*)

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

“Child of Love”

Andrew Bergthold et. al

Verse 1

I was walking the wayside
Lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life
Try'n to satisfy my soul

Verse 2

All the lies I believed in
Left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from heaven
And I've never been the same

Chorus 1

I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love
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Verse 3

I've felt the sting of the fire
But I saw You in the flames
Just when I thought it was over
You broke me out of the grave

Chorus 1

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

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

REPRISE

Altar Flowers Today
Given by:
Steve & Judy Ludwigson
In celebration of Nikki Ness' birthday.

Interlude

Yeah yeah oh
I am a child of love
Yeah oh
I am a child of love

Bridge

Nothing can change the way You love me
Nothing can change the way I belong to You
Yes I do
Nothing can separate

Bridge

Chorus 2

I'm gonna climb a mountain
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I am a child of love
I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love

Interlude