

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Biblical and Everyday Heroes

September 24, 2023

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

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

+OPENING SONG

“Hosanna”

B. Brown & P. Baloché

Verse 1

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Pre-Chorus

‘Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away

Chorus

Hosanna Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Verse 2

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You

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

L: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+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} (Mark Bergherr)*

WORD

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

FIRST READING *{Lectern} (Judy Ludwigson)*

Genesis 32:9-13, 22-30

And Jacob said, ‘O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, “Return to your country and to your kindred, and I will do you good”, I am not worthy of the least of all the steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan; and now I have become two

companies. Deliver me, please, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him; he may come and kill us all, the mothers with the children. Yet you have said, "I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted because of their number." So he spent that night there. The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.'

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Pastor Steve Olson*)

John 20:24-29

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Steve Olson

+SONG OF THE DAY

"My Savior Lives"

*Jon Egan; Glenn Packiam/
Dan Galbraith*

Verse 1

Our God will reign forever
And all the world will know His name
Ev'ryone together
Sing the song of the redeemed

Chorus

I know that my Redeemer lives
And now I stand on what He did
My Savior my Savior lives

Ev'ry day a brand new chance to say
Jesus You are the only way
My Savior my Savior lives

Verse 2

The King has come from Heaven
And darkness trembles at His name
Victory forever
Is the song of the redeemed

Chorus

Bridge (three times)

My Savior lives
My Savior lives
My Savior lives

Chorus (two times)

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

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*} (*Angela Hansen*)

Screen

After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Angela Hansen*)

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} (*Angela Hansen*)

L: Please be seated. 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.

MUSIC

“Heart of Worship”
Bells of Praise

Michael Helman

SENDING

+BENEDICTION (*Pastor Steve Olson*)

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

“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

Ending

Forever and ever
His heart is my home

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

L: Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

REPRISE

Altar Flowers Today Given by

Lori Murray

In memory of her sister,

Nancy (Murray) Bergeron