

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Christ the King and
First Sunday of Advent – Joy

November 26, 2023

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

“He is Exalted” *Twila Paris*
Jubilee Praise Team
“Santo, Santo, Santo” *Mary Kay Parrish*
Bells of Praise

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

+OPENING SONG

“Stir Up a Hunger” *Paul & Rita Baloche*

Verse 1

Day into night
You can turn the dark into light
You can take a soul that was lost
And turn it around

Stir up a hunger
A hunger in my heart
Stir up a hunger in my heart
For of you

Lord on my own
My heart can turn as hard as a stone
But You can make it tender again
With Your love

Verse 1

Chorus 1

Interlude

Chorus 1

Chorus 1

Stir up a hunger
Stir up a hunger
Nothing will satisfy me
Nothing else will do

Ending

Stir up a hunger
Stir up a hunger

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Sadie Cinnamon*)

L: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister with great joy to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Sadie Cinnamon*)

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 those around us with a greeting. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS {*Front Center*}

WORD

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

FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Laurie Blanchard*)

Jeremiah 3:14-18

Return, O faithless children, says the LORD, for I am your master; I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. And when you have multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, says the LORD, they shall no longer say, ‘The ark of the covenant of the LORD.’ It shall not come to mind, or be remembered, or missed; nor shall another one be made. At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the LORD, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of the LORD in Jerusalem, and they shall no longer stubbornly follow their own evil will. In those days the house

of Judah shall join the house of Israel, and together they shall come from the land of the north to the land that I gave your ancestors for a heritage.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

+SONG OF THE DAY

“In Christ Alone (with the Solid Rock)”

Keith Getty, S. Townend

Verse 1

In Christ alone
my hope is found
He is my light,
my strength my song
This Cornerstone
This solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest
drought and storm

Till on that cross
as Jesus died
The love of God
was satisfied
For every sin
On Him was laid
Here in the death of
Christ I live

Chorus

On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

What heights of love
What depths of peace
When fears are stilled
When strivings cease
My Comforter
My All in All
Here in the love of
Christ I stand

Instrumental Interlude

Verse 3

There in the ground
His body lay
Light of the world
By darkness slain
Then bursting forth
In glorious Day
Up from the grave
He rose again

And as He stands
in victory
Sin's curse has lost
its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious
blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life
No fear in death
This is the power of
Christ in me
From life's first cry
To final breath
Jesus commands
my destiny

No power of hell
No scheme of man
Can ever pluck
me from His hand
Till He returns
or calls me home
Here in the power of
Christ I'll stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone
who took on flesh
Fullness of God
in helpless babe
This gift of love
And righteousness
Scorned by the ones
He came to save

MESSAGE

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH {Front Center} (Kollodge Family)

Screen

L: For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12

CANDLE LIGHTING (first candle is lit) {Front Center}

Screen

L: Holy Spirit, clothe me in a spirit of beatitude such that I may be a source of joy for others today. Holy Spirit, fill me with joy! God, I'm struggling to find happiness in this season. Please be with me and guide me toward you as I desire happiness with You.

C: Amen

SONG:

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

Verse 1

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Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn
For angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
Behold! The Child of our longing.

Come as a baby weak poor,
To bring all hearts together,
He opens wide the heav'nly door
And lives now inside as forever.

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {Front Center} (Sadie Cinnamon)

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} (Sadie Cinnamon)

Screen

After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sadie Cinnamon)

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} (Sadie Cinnamon)

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

“Canticle of the Turning”
Bells of Praise

Karen Thompson

SENDING

+BENEDICTION

L: The hour has arrived for us to stop sleeping and wake up. Let us throw off the trappings of darkness and walk in the Light, blessing all creation. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

+SENDING SONG

“Glorious Day”

Ingram, Smith, Curran, Stanfill/Galbraith

Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met You

Chorus 1

You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day
You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day

Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new
Jesus when I met You

Chorus 1**Bridge**

I needed rescue
My sin was heavy

But chains break
At the weight of Your glory

I was an orphan
Now You call me
A citizen of Heaven

When I was broken
You were my healing
Now Your love
Is the air that I'm breathing

I have a future
My eyes are open
'Cause when you called my name
I ran out of that grave

Chorus 2

Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day
You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day

+DISMISSAL *{Front Center}* (*Sadie Cinnamon*)

L: Go to love and serve the Lord with Joy!

C: **In the name of Christ. Amen!**

REPRISE

*Altar Flowers Today Given by
Andy and Jan Pankratz
In celebration of son & grandson's birthday*