

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Third Sunday of Advent – Light

December 10, 2023

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

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

+OPENING SONG

“Who You Say I Am”

Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Verse 2

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Bridge X2

I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am

Tag

I am who You say I am

Chorus 3

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
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+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

L: God of the promised Messiah, as we wait for the fulfillment of your promise, we watch, we listen, and we open our hearts for your Word. Show us signs of your presence: a light in the darkness, a voice in the silence, and a stirring deep within us.

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 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*}

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH {Lectern} (The Hayden Family)

Screen

L: I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by paths they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into **light**, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I will do, and I will not forsake them.

CANDLE LIGHTING (Light the Third Candle) {Lectern} (The Hayden Family)

Screen

L: Thank you for always being a **light** in the dark places of the world and the dark places of our lives. Our hope is in God, for you are the light of the world and you call us to be lights for others. May your light and love blaze in us and in all the world.

C: Amen

SONG

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

ELW #242/Screen

Verse 3

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In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.

Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.

WORD

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

FIRST READING {Lectern} (Judy Ludwigson)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 26:26-29

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.’

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+SONG OF THE DAY

“All Creatures of Our God & King”

Brent Milligan, David Crowder,
St. Francis of Assisi, William Henry Draper

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O Praise Him Alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him
O praise Him
Alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
O praise Him Alleluia

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice

O praise Him
O praise Him
Alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia

Verse 3

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him Alleluia

Praise, praise the Father Praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One

O praise Him
O praise Him
Alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia

Ending

Praise, praise the Father Praise the Son

And praise the Spirit Three in One

O praise Him
O praise Him
Alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia

+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.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Bette Gamboni*)

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*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

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

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
Jubilee Praise Team

Traditional, arr. D. Chapman

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

“Glory (Let There Be Peace)”

*Chris Stevens, Matt Maher,
Rachel Popadic/arr. Erik Foster,
Dan Galbraith*

Verse 1

One star
Burns in the darkness
Shines with the promise Emmanuel
One child
Born in the stillness
Living within us Emmanuel

Chorus

We're singing Glory Glory
Let there be peace let there be peace
Singing Glory Glory
Let there be peace let it start in me

Verse 2

One voice
Speaks for the voiceless
Hope for the hopeless Emmanuel

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

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

C: In the name of Christ. Amen!

REPRISE

One love
Brings us together
Now and forever Emmanuel

Chorus

Bridge

Do not be afraid
His love is strong enough to save us
Nothing stands in the way
His love is strong enough to lead us
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2x

Ending

Let there be peace let it start in me

*Altar Flowers Today Given by
Judy Sandeen
In memory of her brother, Jon Groth*