

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

December 17, 2023

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

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

+OPENING SONG

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

W. & H. Pritchard/B. Henderson

Verse 1

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find ourselves rest in thee:

By thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne

Israel's Strength and Consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart.

Verse 3

I will praise my great Redeemer,
Lord of Lords and King of Kings.
Let the worship rise within me.
“You are Lord” my heart will sing.

Verse 2

Born, thy people to deliver:
Born a child, and yet a King;
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring:

Lost, now found, sick, now healed,
Saved to show Your matchless grace.
Waiting with hope and great assurance
‘til I see Your glorious face

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center} (Katie Baltgalvis)*

L: Holy Lord, a voice has been heard in the wilderness preparing the way for your son to arrive in this world.
Prepare our hearts to receive your son and help us to prepare for his coming.

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center} (Katie Baltgalvis)*

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} (Robyn, Laura & Lamar)*

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L: I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. You are precious in my sight, honored,
and I love you, *Reading: Isaiah 43:3a, 4a*

Light the Third Candle

CANDLE LIGHTING *(Light the Fourth Candle) {Lectern} (Robyn, Laura & Lamar)*

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L: Gracious God. Thank you for your forgiveness and the gift of new life in you. Your love is perfect, it never fails, and nothing can separate us from your love.

C: Amen

SONG:

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

Verse 4

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Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.

Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

WORD

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY {*Front Center*}

+SONG OF THE DAY

"Everyone (Praises)"

Glenn Packiam/D. Galbraith

Verse 1

Great in splendor
Lord of ev'rything
Worthy is Your Name

Never changing
Ever reigning King
Worthy is Your Name

Pre-chorus

All creation rises up
To declare Your wonders
As people ev'rywhere sing

Chorus

Praises to the One
Who saves us
Through His blood
He gave us
Life and now we come Ev'ryone

Praises to the One
Who saves us

Through His blood
He gave us
Life and now we come Ev'ryone!

Verse 2

More than able
Always faithful Friend
Worthy is Your Name

Bright and burning
You're returning again
Worthy is Your Name

Pre-chorus

Chorus

Bridge

Hallelujah
Hallelujah

Hallelujah
Hallelujah

Chorus

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Katie Baltgalvis*)

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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*} (*Katie Baltgalvis*)

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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*)

Screen

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

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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 MUSIC

“Christ, Be Our Light”
Jubilee Praise Team

Bernadette Farrell

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 (*Katie Baltgalvis*)

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

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

“Everlasting God”

B. Brown; K. Riley/D. Galbraith

Verse 1

Strength will rise as we
wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we
wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up
on wings like eagles

Verse 1

Pre-Chorus

Chorus 1

Chorus 2 (two times)

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
The everlasting God
The everlasting

Pre-chorus

Our God
You reign forever
Our Hope
Our strong Deliverer

Chorus 1

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender

Tag (two times)

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Katie Baltgalvis*)

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

C: In the name of Christ. Amen!

REPRISE

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