

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2024

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

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

+OPENING SONG

“The First and the Last”

*J. Houston; R. Morgan/
D. Galbraith*

Verse 1

You are the First and the Last
Beginning and the End
The promise of wonders to come
The future is in Your hands
Caught in the light
With all the earth we will sing

Verse 2

You are the author of love
Our freedom is in Your Name
Embracing the cross meant for us
And brought us to life again
Caught in the love with all we are
Let us sing

Chorus 1

God our hope and our salvation
Worthy of all the praise
Be our light everlasting
Great is Your Name
Jesus the First and the Last

Verse 3

Show us the way of Your love
Lead us toward the truth

Stir up the fire in us
To live out this life for You
Caught in Your Name
Jesus forever we'll sing

Chorus 1

Bridge

Every heart, every nation
will hear the sound
As Your light breaks
through the darkness
And Your Name rings out
Every distant horizon
will meet as one

Singing holy is Your name
We sing holy is Your Name

Chorus 2

God our hope and our salvation
Worthy of all the praise
Be our light everlasting
Great is Your Name

Chorus 1

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

L: Heavenly God, when Jesus was baptized by John in the wilderness, you claimed him as your son. Claim us as your children, inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

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 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}* (*Bette Gamboni*)

Acts 2:36-42

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ

so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-20

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight”’, John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’ And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+SONG OF THE DAY

“Amazing Grace/Peaceful Easy Feeling”

J. Newton, The Eagles

Verse 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but now I’m found,
I was blind, but now I see.

Chorus

And I’ve got a peaceful, easy feeling,
And I know you won’t let me down
Cause I’m already standing on solid ground.

Verse 2

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Chorus

Verse 3

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun.
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’ve first begun.

Chorus 2

And I’ve got a peaceful, easy feeling,
And I know you won’t let me down
Cause I’m already standing,
I’m already standing,
Yes I’m already standing on solid ground

+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, Oh God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND THE FONT

+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.

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS (*light candles for those baptized in 2023*)

Nora Hermann, Chessa Lange, and Thomas Brown

L: On this Baptismal Sunday, I invite you to remember your baptism. You will be invited up to come to the font to receive a sign of the cross on your forehead or hand.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE TABLE

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 MUSIC

"Indescribable"

L. Story/D. Galbraith

Jubilee Praise Team

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

L: May the waters of God's grace surround you and uphold you. May your baptism strengthen you for the work ahead. And may the Spirit that descended upon Jesus at his baptism fall upon your shoulders as you seek to do God's will. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

C: **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

“Your Grace is Enough”

M. Maher/J. Wasson

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-chorus

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong

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

L: Remember to walk wet as you serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

REPRISE

You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Pre-chorus

Chorus 1

Chorus 1

Pre-chorus

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me
Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me
For me