

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Seeds of Faith

January 21, 2024

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

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

+OPENING SONG

“Sweet Presence of Jesus”

Tommy Walker/Kevin Eng

Verse

It's the sweet sweet
Sweet presence of Jesus
How it moves my soul
How it makes me whole
It's the sweet sweet
Sweet presence of Jesus
How it sets me free
Brings me liberty

Chorus

Takes me to a higher place
Where there's amazing grace
Takes me to a higher place
Where I can see His face

Verse

Chorus

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

L: God of the Word, in the parable of the sower you showed us how your word can take root and grow within us.
Nurture the seeds of your word in our hearts and help us to grow in faith and love.

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*}

WORD

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

FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Mark Bergherr*)

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:1-20

Again he began to teach beside the lake. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the lake on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.' And he said, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!' When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, 'To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that "they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven."' And he said to them, 'Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+SONG OF THE DAY

"Everyone (Praises)"

Glenn Packiam/D. Galbraith

Verse 1

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

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

Never changing
Ever reigning King
Worthy is Your Name

Verse 2
More than able
Always faithful Friend
Worthy is Your Name

Pre-chorus

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

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

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

Pre-chorus

Chorus

Bridge

Hallelujah
Hallelujah

Hallelujah
Hallelujah

Chorus

+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: Hear us, Oh God.

C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+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.

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

"Holy Is the Lord"
Jubilee Praise Team

Chris Tomlin/Dan Galbraith

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 (*Bette Gamboni*)

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 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 SONG

Verse 1

There is no rock
There is no god like our God
No other name
worthy of all our praise

The Rock of salvation
that cannot be moved
He's proven Himself
to be faithful and true

There is no rock
There is no God like ours

Verse 1

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

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

REPRISE

“Rock of Ages”

Rita Baloché

Chorus

Rock of Ages
Jesus is the Rock
Rock of Ages
Jesus is the Rock

Rock of Ages
Jesus is the Rock
There is no rock
There is no god like ours

Verse 1

Chorus

Chorus