

St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
We Are God's Children

February 18, 2024

10:00 AM

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GATHERING

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GATHERING MUSIC

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

+OPENING SONG

“Rising”

*Paul Baloche & Matt Redman*

**Intro**

From the rising of the sun  
'Til the sun goes down  
Let the name of the Lord be praised  
From the rising of the sun  
'Til the sun goes down  
Let the name of the Lord be praised

We'll take Your name

Into the nations  
Shining Your light  
In the darkest place

People of God  
In the power of God  
For the Kingdom of God we live

**Verse 1**

We've gathered to worship  
Becoming a choir  
To sing Your praise

**Chorus 1**

**Interlude**

Lifting our voices  
Joining our hearts  
In this house today

**Chorus 2**  
From the rising of the sun  
'Til the sun goes down  
Let the name of the Lord be praised

People of God  
In the power of God  
For the Kingdom of God we sing

From the rising of the sun  
'Til the sun goes down  
Let the name of the Lord be praised

**Chorus 1**

From the rising of the sun  
'Til the sun goes down  
Let the name of the Lord be praised

From the sky to the depths  
From the east to the west

From the rising of the sun  
'Til the sun goes down  
Let the name of the Lord be praised

**Chorus 1**

**Ending**

From the sky to the depths  
From the east to the west  
We give You praise

We give you praise  
We give you praise  
We give you praise

**Verse 2**

We're gathered to go out  
To cities and towns

From the rising of the sun  
'Till the sun goes down  
Let the name of the Lord  
Be praised

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

L: Lord of abundant riches, when asked to give everything to follow Jesus, a rich man faltered. Give us the courage to give everything that we have to you, knowing that what you offer is more valuable than all the riches in the world.

**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}*

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WORD

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

FIRST READING {Lectern} (Angela Hansen)

Romans 8:14-21

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:13-31

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+SONG OF THE DAY

"Holy Is the Lord"

Chris Tomlin/Dan Galbraith

**Verse 1**

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great how awesome is He

**Pre-chorus**

And together we sing  
Ev'ryone sing

**Chorus 1**

Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory

Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory

**Verse 1****Pre-Chorus****Chorus 1****Bridge**

It is rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

It's rising up all around  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

**Pre-Chorus****Chorus 1****Tag**

The earth is filled with His glory

**Ending**

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty  
Holy, holy

**Ending****Ending**

+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.**

**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

*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](http://stlukesbloomington.org) there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION SONG

"Now Behold the Lamb"  
*Jubilee Praise Team*

*Kirk Franklin*

*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 (*Rob*)

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.**

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SENDING

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+BENEDICTION (*Rob*)

L: As we journey through Lent, may we walk your path that leads to life and invite others in the way of salvation. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

“Love the Lord with All My Heart”

*Lincoln Brewster*

**Verse 1**

Love the Lord your God  
With all your heart  
With all your soul  
With all your mind  
And with all your strength

With all my mind  
With all my strength  
I will serve the Lord  
With all my heart  
With all my soul  
With all my mind  
And with all my strength

**Verse 1**

**Chorus 1**

With all your heart  
With all your soul  
With all your mind  
With all your strength

**Bridge**

I will love You (echo)  
I will praise You (echo)  
I will serve You (echo)  
I will trust You (echo)

Love the Lord your God  
With all your heart  
With all your soul  
With all your mind  
And with all your strength

**Chorus 3**  
With all my heart  
With all my soul  
With all my mind  
With all my strength

**Verse 2**

I will serve the Lord  
With all my heart  
With all my soul  
With all my mind  
And with all my strength

**Chorus 3**  
**Chorus 4**  
I will love You Lord  
With all my heart  
With all my soul  
With all my mind  
And with all my strength

**Verse 2**

**Chorus 2**

With all my heart  
With all my soul

**Chorus 4**

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+DISMISSAL {*Back*} (*Rob*)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

REPRISE

*Altar Flowers Today Given by*

*Dick and Judy Sandeen*

*In memory of Jim Gross*