

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
The Greatest Commandment

March 10, 2024

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

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

+OPENING SONG

“Majestic”

Lincoln Brewster/Dan Galbraith

Verse

O Lord our Lord
How majestic is Your name
In all the earth

The mountains-
They bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth

O Lord our Lord
How majestic is Your name
In all the earth

And I'll sing
The heavens declare
Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You

Chorus 1

The heavens declare
Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You

The mountains-
They bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

The mountains-
They bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

Bridge

I will worship You
I will worship You
We will worship You
We will worship You

Verse

Chorus 2

The heavens declare
Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You

Chorus 2

Ending (2 times)

So I'll join with the earth
And I'll give my praise to You

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Mollie Erickson*)

L: Lord of love, you have taught us that love is your greatest commandment. Teach us to love as unconditionally as you love us.

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Mollie Erickson*)

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*}

COUNCIL INTRODUCTION

Greg Hornicke, Member at Large

WORD

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

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-44

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’ Then the scribe said to him, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”; and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength”, and “to love one’s neighbor as oneself”,—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ After that no one dared to ask him any question. While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, ‘How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared, “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.’ ” David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?’ And the large crowd was listening to him with delight. As he taught, he said, ‘Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.’ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.’

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+SONG OF THE DAY

“Holy Water”

A. Bergthold, et. al/D. Galbraith

Verse 1

God I'm on my knees again
God I'm begging please again
I need You
Oh I need You

Walking down these desert roads
Water for my thirsty soul
I need You
Oh I need You

Chorus

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water (on my skin)

Verse 2

Dead man walking slave to sin
I wanna know about being born again
I need You

Oh God I need You

So take me to the riverside
Take me under baptize
I need You
Oh God I need You oh

Chorus

Bridge (three times)

I don't wanna abuse Your grace
God I need it ev'ry day
It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change

Chorus (two times)

Ending

Yeah it's like holy water on my skin
Oh it's like holy water

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Mollee Erickson*) *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*} (*Mollee Erickson*) *Screen*

After each petition:

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Mollee Erickson*) *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.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE {*Center*} (*Mollee Erickson*)

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. To give electronically there is a QR code in the bulletin. For those on-line please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Please email prayers to office@stlukesbloomington.org. Enjoy this time.

MUSIC

"Stand in Your Love"
Jubilee Praise Team

E. Hulse et. al /Bethel Music

SENDING

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*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

"All Things are Possible"

Darlene Zschech/Mark Cole

Verse 1

Almighty God my Redeemer
My hiding place my safe refuge
No other name like Jesus
No pow'r can stand against You

Yes I delight myself in You
And I will praise You
with a new song
My soul will bless You Lord

Verse 2

My feet are planted on this rock
And I will not be shaken
My hope it comes from You alone
My Lord and my salvation

Verse 2

Chorus

Bridge

When I am weak
You make me strong
When I'm poor I know I'm rich
For in the power of Your name

Chorus

Your praise is always on my lips
Your word is living in my heart

All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible

And I will praise You
with a new song

My soul will bless You Lord

Chorus

You fill my life with greater joy

Bridge

+DISMISSAL (*Rob*)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

REPRISE