

Worship Leader Edition
The Greatest Commandment

March 10, 2024

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“May I Love You Lord”
St. Luke’s Choir

Roy Hopp

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS {*Front Center*}

+OPENING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

ELW #631/Screen

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Verse 3

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Verse 2

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 4

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

+GREETING {*Front Center*} (*Becky Olson*)

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L: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

+LENT LITANY (*Becky Olson*)

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L: Lent is a time to reset our aims to follow Christ.

C: Loving God, in you we trust,

L: Lent is an opportunity for healthy repentance of our personal sins.

C: Loving God, we ask for grace.

L: Lent is a time for defying temptations, turning our face to the light of Christ.

C: Loving God, we ask for strength.

L: Lent is a time to take up our cross and follow the narrow path of Christ Jesus.

C: Loving God, we ask for your guidance.

L: In the name of your Son and our Savior Jesus.

C: Amen.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} (*Becky Olson*)

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.

WORD

FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Greg Hornicke*)

1st Timothy 6:6-10

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.

SERMON

Rob Norris-Weber, Pastor

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"Oh, Love, How Deep"
Verses 1, 2, 6 & 7

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Verse 1

Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

Verse 2

God sent no angel to our race,
of higher or of lower place,
but wore the robe of human frame,
in Christ our Lord to this world came.

Verse 6

For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

Verse 7

All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Becky Olson*)

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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*} (*Becky Olson*)

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After each petition:

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Becky Olson*)

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C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Becky Olson*)

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.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE {*Front Center*} (*Becky Olson*)

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

“Love Comes from God”

Allen Pote

St. Luke's Choir

SENDING

COUNCIL INTRODUCTION

Greg Hornicke, Member at Large

+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 HYMN

“I Come with Joy”

ELW #482/Screen

Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

Verse 1

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

Verse 2

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

Verse 4

The spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Verse 5

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy to give the world
the loves that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

+DISMISSAL (*Rob*)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE