

Worship Leader Edition
Third Sunday of Lent
I AM God's Son

March 8, 2026

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME *{Front Center}* (Rob)

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

OPENING HYMN

“All Are Welcome”
Verses 1, 4, 5

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Verse 1

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Refrain

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All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Verse 5

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Verse 4

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,

Refrain

GREETING *{Front Center}* (Beth Angerhofer)

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.**

ASSISTANT SAY: “PLEASE BE SEATED”

KYRIE *(cantor and congregation)*

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L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (Beth Angerhofer)

L: Lord Jesus, give us courage and confidence to surrender our lives, our minds, and our wills to You. As Your disciples, we ask for the strength and grace to follow You with grateful hearts, turning away from selfish ways to walk in Your truth.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *{On Floor Pulpit Side}* (Andrea)

FIRST READING *{Lectern}* (Pat Lair)

Acts 13:43-52

When the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to continue in the grace of God. The next sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy; and blaspheming, they contradicted what was spoken by Paul. Then both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you reject it and judge yourselves to be unworthy of eternal life, we are now turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, ‘I have set you to be a light for the Gentiles, so that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’” When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and praised the word of the Lord; and as many as had been destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread throughout the region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, and stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their region. So they shook the dust off their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Please stand as you are able

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

THE HOLY GOSPEL *(Rob)*

John 10:22-42

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.” The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?” The Jews answered, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.” Jesus answered, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, you are gods’? If those to whom the word of God came were called ‘gods’ —and the scripture cannot be annulled— can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there. Many came to him, and they were saying, “John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” And many believed in him there.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

PLEASE SAY: “PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

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Verse 1

Savior like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us; we are yours.

Verse 2

We are yours; in love befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,

hear us children when we pray.

Verse 3

You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.

Verse 4

Early let us seek your favor,
early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us, love us still.

THE APOSTLES' CREED {Front Center} (Beth Angerhofer)

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE {Front Center} (Beth Angerhofer)

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 one another. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat.

ASSISTANT SAY: "PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE PRAYERS"

THE PRAYERS {Front Center} (Beth Angerhofer)

After each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Beth Angerhofer)

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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.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (Beth Angerhofer)

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L: During this time of reflection and response please fill out your welcome card with any prayer request and use 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

"Just as I Am"

Elliott/Bradbury/Carter

St. Luke's Choir with Trudy Dahl, flute

SENDING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE + MINISTRIES (Rob)

PLEASE SAY: "PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE"

BENEDICTION {Front Center} (Rob)

L: "Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to: walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God, walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High, walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you."

(Joanna Harader/Spacious Faith)

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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Verse 1

"Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
you are my own."

Verse 2

"Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.

DISMISSAL {Back} (Choir)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure."

Verse 3

"Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me;
Grow in love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free."

Altar Flowers Given Today:

Linda Johnson

In memory of my husband, Allan