

Worship Leader Edition
Summer Series
A Child Will Lead Us

June 7, 2026

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME *{Front Center}* (Rob)

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

GATHERING HYMN

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”
Verses 1, 3 & 4

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Verse 1

Dearest Jesus, we are here,
gladly your command obeying.
With this child we now draw near
in response to your own saying
that to you it shall be given
as a child and heir of heaven.

let this child, your mercy sharing,
in your arms be shielded ever,
yours on earth and yours forever.

Verse 4

Gracious head, your member own;
shepherd, take your lamb and feed it;
prince of peace, make here your throne;
way of life, to heaven lead it;
precious vine, let nothing sever
from your side this branch forever.

Verse 3

Therefore we have come to you,
in our arms this infant bearing;
truly here your grace we view;

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Front Center}* (Rob)

Screen

L: God of grace and new beginnings, you invite us to turn from the things that hold us captive and to walk in the freedom of your forgiveness. Trusting in God’s steadfast love, let us take a moment of silences to confess our sins to God.

L: Reconciling God,

C: We confess that we have not always lived as your children. We have held onto hurts and grudges, instead of releasing them to you. We have relied on our own strength and wisdom, rather than trusting in your abundance. We have forgotten your promise of new life. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may serve you in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

GREETING *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

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”

PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING *{Lectern}* (Betty Bender)

Isaiah 11:6-9

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (**STAND**)

“Alleluia”

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C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Rob*)

Luke 18:15-17

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, “Let the little children come to me, and 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.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

PLEASE SAY: “PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

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Verse 1

Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nesting bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

Verse 2

God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.

Verse 3

Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Verse 4

Though he gaveth or he taketh,
God and children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

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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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center}* (Angela Hansen)

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}* (Angela Hansen)

After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *(Rob)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE *(Rob)*

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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life and so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(Rob)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Rob)*

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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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

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C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE *(On Screen)*

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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, collection plates are in the front and back. To give electronically, a QR code is in the bulletin. For those on-line please go to our website **stlukesbloomington.org**. A link is at the bottom of every page. Email prayers to **office@stlukesbloomington.org**. Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lori Murray

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *(Rob)* **(REMAIN SEATED)**

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *{Front Center}* *(Rob)*

L: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE + MINISTRIES *(Rob)*

PLEASE SAY: "PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE"

BENEDICTION *{Front Center}* (Rob)

L: May 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, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"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.

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."

DISMISSAL *{Back}* (Rob)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE