Worship Leader Edition
Labor Day Weekend

September 6, 2026 — 10:00 AM

GATHERING

Turn on Narthex speakers, keep on throughout worship.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME *by Jubilee*

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

GATHERING SONG — "All Things are Possible" — *Hillsong*

Verse 1
Almighty God my Redeemer
My hiding place my safe refuge
No other name like Jesus
No pow'r can stand against You

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

Chorus 1
Your praise is always on my lips
Your word is living in my heart
And I will praise You
with a new song
My soul will bless You Lord

You fill my life with greater joy
Yes I delight myself in You
And I will praise You
with a new song
My soul will bless You Lord

Verse 2

Chorus 1

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

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

Chorus 1

Bridge

OPENING SONG — "No Longer Slaves" — *M.& J. Helser*

Verse 1
You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus 1
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

Verse 2
From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name

I've been born again
into Your family
Your blood flows
through my veins

Chorus 1

Bridge 1
You split the sea
so I could walk right through it
My fears are drowned
in perfect love

You rescued me
so I will stand and sing
I am a child of God

Bridge 2
You split the sea
so I could walk right through it
You drowned my fears
in perfect love

You rescued me

and I will stand and sing
I am a child of God
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PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front Center*} *(Mollee Erickson)*

L: God of mystery, you meet us in questions we cannot answer and moments we do not understand. Give us patience when things are unclear. Give us courage to stay open. And remind us that we are not alone in the unknown. In Jesus name.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center} (Mollee 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 one another. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat.

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD

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

FIRST READING *{Lectern} (Nikki Ness)* Deuteronomy 15:7-11

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is near," and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

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)* Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

MESSAGE Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

ASSISTANT SAY "PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE"

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.

ASSISTANT SAY: "PLEASE BE SEATED FOR THE PRAYERS"

THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} *(Mollee Erickson)*

After each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *(Rob)*

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(Rob)*

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: 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 "Come to Me" *Greg Anderson*

Jubilee Praise Team

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 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 STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

BENEDICTION *{Front Center} (Rob)*

L: May you have courage to ask real questions. May you find peace in not knowing everything. May you stay open to wonder and mystery. And may you trust that God is with you in it all. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG "Love the Lord" *Lincoln Brewster, arr. John Wasson*

Verse 1
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength

Verse 1

Chorus 1
With all your heart, with all your soul
With all your mind, with all your strength
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your 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

Verse 2

Chorus 2
With all my heart, with all my soul
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

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

Chorus 3
With all my heart, with all my soul

With all my mind, with all my strength

Chorus 3

Ending
I will love You, Lord, with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength

Ending

Ending

DISMISSAL *{Back} (Rob)*

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Given Today:

Rob & Nancy Norris-Weber

In celebration of our 33rd anniversary!