Worship Leader Edition
Book of ACTS Series
"Converse"

November 15, 2026 8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME *{Front Center} (Rob)*

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

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.

GATHERING HYMN "Come, Thou Almighty King" **ELW #408/*Screen***

Verse 1
Come, thou almighty King,
Help us thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Verse 2
Come, thou incarnate Word,
Merciful, mighty Lord;
Our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless,
And give thy word success,
And let thy righteousness
On us descend.

Verse 3
Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Rule now in ev'ry heart,
Never from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

Verse 4
To thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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

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)* ELW pg. 98/***Screen***

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, Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *(cantor and congregation)* "This Is the Feast" ELW pg. 101/***Screen***

C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

L: Gracious God, we come to seek you, and we thank you that you are not far from any of us. In you we live and move and have our being. Quiet our hearts and open our eyes to see you and our ears to hear you. Help us live our lives as joyful praise to you. In Jesus' name we pray.
C: Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING *{Lectern} (Bette Gamboni)* Acts 17:22-34

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, "We will hear you again about this." At that point Paul left them. But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.
L: Please stand as you are able.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***(STAND)*** "Alleluia" ELW pg. 102/***Screen***

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
L: Lord, to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *(Rob)* John 4:19-26

The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

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 "O God Of Every Nation" **ELW #713/*Screen***

Verse 1
O God of every nation,
Of every race and land,
Redeem your whole creation
With your almighty hand;
Where hate and fear divide us
And bitter threats are hurled,
In love and mercy guide us and
heal our strife-torn world.

Verse 2
From search for wealth and power
And scorn of truth and right,
From trust in bombs that shower
Destruction through the night,
From pride of race and station
And blindness to your way,
Deliver every nation,
Eternal God we pray.

Verse 3
Lord, strengthen all who labor
That all may find release
From fear of rattling saber,
From dread of war's increase;
When hope and courage falter,
Lord, let your voice be heard;
With faith that none can alter,
Your servants undergrid.

Verse 4
Keep bright in us the vision
Of days when war shall cease,
When hatred and division
Give way to love and peace,
Till dawns the morning glorious
When truth and love shall reign,
And Christ shall rule victorious
O'er all the world's domain.

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

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 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*} *(Becky Olson)*

After each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE *(Rob)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE *(Steve)* ELW pg. 107/***Screen***

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 ELW pg. 108/***Screen***

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(Rob)*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Rob)* ***Screen***

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" ELW pg. 112/***Screen***

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, grant us peace.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE *(On Screen)* ***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 ANTHEM "In God's Presence" *John Helgen*
St. Luke's Choir

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)*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS *(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 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" **ELW #712/*Screen***

Verse 1
Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

Verse 2
Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

Verse 3
As we worship grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

Verse 4
Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give.
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

DISMISSAL *{Back} (Choir)*

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Given Today:

Carol Larson

In memory of my parents and Merlin's parent's anniversary!