

Worship Leader Edition  
Second Sunday of Lent  
Lord Help Us See!

March 1, 2026

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME *{Front Center}* (Rob)

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

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

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L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another *(please take a moment of silence)*

L: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of the Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”

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*Verses 1, 3 & 4*

**Verse 1**

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,  
in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of hist'ry,  
still you rise with every morn,  
still you rise with every morn.

we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea.

**Verse 4**

Give us eyes to see you clearly;  
make us children of your light.  
Give us hearts to live more nearly  
as your gospel shining bright,  
as your gospel shining bright.  
shall adore him!

**Verse 3**

Christ, you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow,

GREETING *{Front Center}* (Bette Gamboni)

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*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

L: God of vision, too often we are spiritually blindfolded, unable to see you at work in our world. Remove barriers that keep us from seeing. Help us to be light for others. Amen.

**C: Amen.**

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## WORD

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

FIRST READING (*David Skinner*)

Psalm 119:17-24

Deal bountifully with your servant, so that I may live and observe your word. Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. I live as an alien in the land; do not hide your commandments from me. My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times. You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones, who wander from your commandments; take away from me their scorn and contempt, for I have kept your decrees. Even though princes sit plotting against me, your servant will meditate on your statutes. Your decrees are my delight; they are my counselors.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Rob*)

John 9:1-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the

Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

**PLEASE SAY: “PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE”**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come”

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**Verse 1**

O Christ, the healer, we have come  
To pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored  
When reached by love that never ends?

**Verse 3**

In conflicts that destroy our health  
We recognize the world’s disease;  
Our common life declares our ills.  
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

**Verse 2**

From ev’ry ailment flesh endures  
Our bodies clamor to be freed:  
Yet in our hearts we would confess  
That wholeness is our deepest need.

**Verse 4**

Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
In your community may find  
The wholeness that, enriching us,  
Shall reach the whole of humankind.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED {*Front Center*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

**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*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

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*} (*Bette Gamboni*)

*After each petition:*

L: Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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## MEAL

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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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

*Kaup/McDonald*

*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: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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## SENDING

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE + MINISTRIES (*Rob*)

**PLEASE SAY: “PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE”**

BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Rob*) (**STAND**)

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

“O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate”

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**Verse 1**

O Christ, your heart compassionate,  
bore ev'ry human pain.  
Its beating was the pulse of God;  
its breadth, God's vast domain.  
The heart of God, the heart of Christ  
combined in perfect rhyme  
to write God's love in human deeds,  
eternity in time.

**Verse 2**

As once you welcomed those cast down  
and healed the sick, the blind,  
so may all bruised and broken lives  
through us your help still find.  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep  
that none may weep alone,  
and help us hear another's pain  
as though it were our own.

**Verse 3**

O Christ, create new hearts in us  
that beat in time with yours,  
that, joined by faith with your great heart,  
become love's open doors.  
We are your body, risen Christ;  
our hearts, our hands we yield  
that through our life and ministry  
your love may be revealed.

**Verse 4**

O Love that made the distant stars,  
yet marks the sparrow's fall,  
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross  
embrace and bear us all:  
come, make your church a servant church  
that walks your servant ways,  
whose deeds of love rise up in you,  
a sacrifice of praise!

DISMISSAL *{Back}* (Choir)

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

***Altar Flowers Given Today:***

*Frank Arellono*

*in celebration of Diane Arellono's  
birthday on February 28th*