

Worship Leader Edition
Beginning Beginnings
Week 6 – Prayer and Hope

October 19, 2025

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME {*Front Center*} (*Mollee*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS {*Front Center*} (*Betsy Hoium*) (**STAND**)

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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.

OPENING HYMN

"O Word of God Incarnate"

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Verse 1

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.

Verse 3

Oh, make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.

Verse 2

The church from you, dear Master,
received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.

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*)

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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.

C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

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

L: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all in this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

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 (*Betsy Hoium*)

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON (*SIT*)

Betsy Hoium

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Somebody Loves You”

R.E. Schram

St. Luke’s Choir

ASSISTANT SAY: “PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE”

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

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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*} (*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 (*Betsy Hoium*)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*Betsy Hoium*)

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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 you 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 (*Betsy Hoium*)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Betsy Hoium*)

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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

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Betsy Hoium*) (**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} (Betsy Hoium)*

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 *(Mollee)*

(Please stand as you are able)

+BENEDICTION *{Front Center} (Mollee) (STAND)*

L: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

“Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright”
Verses 1, 3 & 5

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Verse 1

Lord, teach us how to pray aright,
with rev'rence and with fear.
Though dust and ashes in your sight,
we may, we must draw near.

a strong desire, with confidence,
to hear your voice and live;

Verse 5

Give these, and then your will be done;
thus strengthened with all might,
we, through your Spirit and your Son,
shall pray, and pray aright.

Verse 3

Give deep humility; the sense
of godly sorrow give;

+DISMISSAL *{Back} (Choir)*

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers Given Today

Mark Bergherr

In memory of my parents, Robert and Rose Marie