

Worship Leader Edition  
Sharing the Love of Christ  
Week Two

November 16, 2025

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: 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

"Oh God. My Faithful God"

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**Verse 1**

O God, my faithful God,  
true fountain ever flowing,  
without whom nothing is,  
all perfect gifts bestowing;  
give me a healthy frame,  
and may I have within  
a conscience free from blame,  
a soul unstained by sin.

**Verse 2**

Give me the strength to do  
with ready heart and willing  
whatever you command,  
my calling here fulfilling--  
to do it when I ought,  
with all my might--and bless  
whatever I have wrought,  
for you must give success.

**Verse 3**

Keep me from saying words  
that later need recalling;  
guard me lest idle speech  
may from my lips be falling;  
but when, within my place,  
I must and ought to speak,  
then to my words give grace,  
lest I offend the weak.

**Verse 4**

When dangers gather round,  
oh, keep me calm and fearless;  
help me to bear the cross  
when life seems dark and cheerless;  
help me, as you have taught,  
to love both great and small,  
and by your Spirit's might,  
to live at peace with all.

GREETING *{Front Center}* (Patrick Lair)

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (*cantor and congregation*) “This Is the Feast”

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**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*} (*Patrick Lair*)

L: O God, the protector of all who trust in you. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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## WORD

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

FIRST READING {*Lectern*} (*Joy Enger Lindgren*)

Philippians 2:1-11

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 20:45-21:4

In the hearing of all the people he said to the disciples, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets. They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”

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”**

**Verse 1**

The numberless gifts of God’s mercies  
My tongue cannot fathom or tell.  
Like dew that appears in the morning,  
They come to us shining and full.  
The numberless gifts of God’s mercies  
My tongue cannot fathom or tell.

Their beauties can never grow old.  
Like all of the stars in the heavens,  
God’s mercies can never be told.

**Verse 3**

I’ll never count mercies,  
But oh, I can give God my praise  
For all of that love, my thanksgiving  
And love to the end of my days.  
I’ll never count all of God’s mercies,  
But oh, I can give God my praise!

**Verse 2**

Like all of the stars in the heavens,  
God’s mercies can never be told.  
They shine through the darkness of midnight;

THE APOSTLES’ CREED {*Front Center*} (*Patrick Lair*)

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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*} (*Patrick Lair*)

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*} (*Patrick Lair*)

*After each petition:*

L: Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## 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 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 (*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](http://stlukesbloomington.org). A link is at the bottom of every page. Email prayers to [office@stlukesbloomington.org](mailto:office@stlukesbloomington.org). Enjoy this time.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“All That I Am”  
*St. Luke's Choir*

*W. Himes*

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.**

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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: 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 HYMN

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”  
*2 Times Through*

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### Verse 1

The Lord now sends us forth  
with hands to serve and give,  
to make of all the earth  
a better place to live

### Refrain

The angels are not sent  
into our world of pain  
to do what we were meant  
to do in Jesus' name;  
that falls to you and me  
and all who are made free.  
Help us, O Lord, we pray,  
to do your will today.

DISMISSAL *{Back}* *(Choir)*

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

***Altar Flowers Given Today***  
*Carol and Merlin Larson*

POSTLUDE

*In memory of Lawrence and Babe Brevig*