# St. Luke's Lutheran Church Testimony of John the Baptist

February 13, 2022

10:00 AM

# **GATHERING**

# **GATHERING MUSIC**

+GATHERING SONG

"God is On the Move"

C.Williams, I.Eskelin, M. Howard, T. Wood

Verse 1

Anytime a heart turns from

darkness to light

Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight

Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served I know I know I know

Chorus 1

God is on the move on the move Hallelujah

God is on the move in many mighty ways

God is on the move on the move

Hallelujah

God is on the move on the move today

Verse 2

Anytime in weakness someone

falls upon their knees

Or dares to speak the truth

that sets us free

Anytime the choice is made to

stand upon the Word

I know I know I know

Chorus 1

**Bridge** 

I see a generation standing on the truth In each and ev'ry nation God is on the move

Verse 3

Anytime the Gospel stirs a searching soul
And someone says

Send me here I go

I know I know I know I know

**Chorus 1** 

**Bridge** 

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

**Baptized: Lucy Ann Brown** 

Parents: Lucas and Elisabeth Brown

Sponsors: Melissa Hannibal and Peter Schepers

# +THE APOSTLES' CREED

- L: Do you believe in God, the Father?
- C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C: 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.
- L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C: 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.

#### **BAPTISMAL WELCOME**

C: We welcome Lucy into the body of Christ. Amen!

(music played while child walks down the aisle)

## +PRAYER OF THE DAY {Front Center} (Greg Hornicke)

L: O God, you raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord. Make us faithful to truth and justice, as you did your servant. Prepare us with a true sense of repentance to receive your grace and salvation. Increase your life within us so we too may serve you as John did.

C: Amen.

# +SHARING OF THE PEACE {Front Center} (Greg Hornicke)

- L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
- C: And also with you.
- L: For all who are gathered, let us stand and take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most of all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS {Front Center} (Rob)

#### WORD

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE {On Floor Pulpit Side} (Emily)

## FIRST READING (Julie Klein)

2 Corinthians 10:12-18

We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another, and compare themselves with one another, they do not show good sense. We, however, will not boast beyond limits, but will keep within the field that God has assigned to us, to reach out even as far as you. For we were not overstepping our limits when we reached you; we were the first to come all the way to you with the good news of Christ. We do not boast beyond limits, that is, in the labors of others; but our hope is that, as your faith increases, our sphere of action among you may be greatly enlarged, so that we may proclaim the good news in lands beyond you, without boasting of work already done in someone else's sphere of action. 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.' For it is not those who commend themselves that are approved, but those whom the Lord commends.

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL John 3:22-36

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized —John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison. Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him." John answered, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.' He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease." The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is of the earth belongs to the earth and speaks about earthly things. The one who comes from heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, yet no one accepts his testimony. Whoever has accepted his testimony has certified this, that God is true. He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for he gives the Spirit without measure. The Father loves the Son and has placed all things in his hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life, but must endure God's wrath.

- L: The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

#### Verse

O Lord our Lord How majestic is Your name In all the earth

O Lord our Lord How majestic is Your name In all the earth

#### Chorus 1

The heavens declare Your greatness The oceans cry out to You

The mountains-They bow down before You So I'll join with the earth And I'll give my praise to You

#### Verse

#### Chorus 2

The heavens declare Your greatness The oceans cry out to You The mountains-They bow down before You So I'll join with the earth

And I'll sing

The heavens declare Your greatness The oceans cry out to You

The mountains-They bow down before You

So I'll join with the earth And I'll give my praise to You

#### **Bridge**

I will worship You I will worship You

We will worship You We will worship You

**Chorus 2** 

# +THE PRAYERS (Greg Hornicke)

After each petition:

L: Lord in your mercy,C: hear our prayer.

# +THE LORD'S PRAYER {Front Center} (Pastor Rob)

Screen

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.

## TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website **stlukesbloomington.org** and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

"My Feet Are On the Rock" *Jubilee Praise Team* 

Abbie Parker, Josh Bronleewe, Lindsey Sweat, Matthew Hein/Jeff Moore

## SENDING

## +BENEDICTION (Pastor Rob)

- L: May the eternal light of God guide you in the way of the peace, through the power of Holy Spirit now and forevermore.
- C: Amen.

## +SENDING SONG

# "Everlasting God"

# Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

#### Verse 1

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

#### **Pre-chorus**

Our God You reign forever Our Hope Our strong Deliverer

#### Chorus 1

You are the everlasting God The everlasting God You do not faint You won't grow weary You're the defender

of the weak You comfort those in need You lift us up on wings like eagles

#### Verse 1

#### **Pre-Chorus**

#### Chorus 1

#### Chorus 2 (two times)

You are the everlasting God The everlasting God The everlasting God The everlasting

# Tag (two times)

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord Wait upon the Lord We will wait upon the Lord

# +DISMISSAL (Greg Hornicke)

L: Go in peace. Be the Light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

## REPRISE

# Flowers given by:

Marilyn and Larry Nelson in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Frank Arellono In honor of Diane and Frank's 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Valentine's Day and Diane's Birthday