

# Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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## GATHERING

### Welcome Song

#### *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Open the eyes of my heart Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You,

I want to see You. *(Repeat)*

To see You high and lifted up,  
Shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy. *(Repeat song)*

Holy, holy, holy,

Holy, holy, holy,

Holy, holy, holy,

I want to see You.

### Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence may be kept for reflection.*

C Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.*

P By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Wherefore by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and in his stead, I forgive you all your sins.

C Amen.

## Song

### *Better Is One Day*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.  
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

#### *Refrain:*

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere,  
Than thousands elsewhere.

One thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.  
One thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beauty,  
To find You in the place Your glory dwells. *(Refrain)*

My heart and flesh cry out to You, the living God.  
Your Spirit's water to my soul.  
I've tasted and I've seen. Come once again to me.  
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You, to You. *(Refrain)*

## Sharing the Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## WORD

### First Reading

### James 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Responsive Reading

### Psalm 15

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**<sup>4</sup>In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

**<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.**

**Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.**

**Gospel**

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

**P The holy gospel according to St. Mark.**

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

**<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,**

**‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;**

**<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’**

**<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”**

**<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”**

**<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”**

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
And all these things will be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

### Prayers of the People

*We pray for the church and the world.*

### MEAL

### Sharing Our Gifts

L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: our selves,  
our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

*Our offerings support the work of the church in Warrenton and the world. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at [www.oslc-warrenton.org](http://www.oslc-warrenton.org) by clicking the "DONATE" tab on the homepage.*

### Thanksgiving Prayer

*The minister leads a prayer of thanksgiving, recalling God's saving deeds, and calling the Holy Spirit to be present as we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus.*

### Dialogue

*The presiding minister invites the people to prayer.*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

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.

## Sharing Holy Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body and Blood. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand around the altar. You will be offered both the bread and cup. If you prefer not to drink, simply indicate this to the assisting minister.*

Communion Song

*More Heart, Less Attack*

Sung by VoP

## Prayer After Communion

P Let us pray together.

C 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. Amen.

## SENDING

### Blessing

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys  
with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

## Sending Song

## *Thrive*

Here in this worn and weary land  
Where many a dream has died,  
Like a tree planted by the water,  
We never will run dry.  
So, living water flowing through,  
God, we thirst for more of You.  
Fill our hearts, and flood our souls  
With one desire:

**Refrain:** Just to know You, and to make You known.  
We lift Your name on High.  
Shine like the sun, made darkness run and hide.  
We know we were made for so much more  
Than ordinary lives.  
It's time for us to more than just survive:  
We were made to thrive.

Into Your Word we're digging deep  
To know our Father's heart.  
Into the world we're reaching out  
To show them who You are.  
So, living water flowing through,  
God, we thirst for more of You.  
Fill our hearts, and flood our souls  
With one desire: **(Refrain)**

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable,  
Love unstoppable, anything is possible. **(Repeat 3x. Refrain)**

## Dismissal

**L** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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