

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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GATHERING

Welcome Song

I Saw the Light

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin.
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night --
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Refrain: I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more darkness, no more night.
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight --
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Just like a blind man I wandered along,
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. (**Refrain**)

I was a fool to wander and stray,
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. (**Refrain**)

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 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* **ELW 779**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in
them; who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food
to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up
those

who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the
way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

James 2:1-10, 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by

the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 7: 24-37

P The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin.

She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his

tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”

³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Day *Ten Thousand Reasons*

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes. (*Refrain*)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (*Refrain*)

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forever more! (*Refrain*)

Worship Your holy name,
Worship Your holy name.

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 by clicking the “DONATE” tab on the homepage.

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.

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.

Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals, the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

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, cross your arms in front of your chest.

Communion Song *All Who Are Thirsty*

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain.

Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be wash'd away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep.

Refrain: Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come. **(Repeat whole song)**

Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come, Holy Spirit, come,
Holy Spirit, come.

As deep cries out to deep, we sing **(Refrain)**

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Prayer After Communion

L 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 *Just a Little Walk with Jesus*

I once was lost in sin, but Jesus took me in,
and then a little light from heaven filled my soul;
It bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above,
and just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.

Refrain: Now let us have a little talk with Jesus,
tell Him all about our troubles.

He will hear our faintest cry
and He will answer by and by;
Now when you feel a little pray'r wheel turning,
and you know a little fire is burning,
you will find a little talk with Jesus makes I right.
(It makes it right.)

Sometimes my path seems drear, without a ray of cheer,
and then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day;
The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies,
but just a little talk with Jesus clears the way. (*Refrain*)

I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears,

but Jesus is a friend who watches day and night;
I go to Him in pray'r, He knows my ev'ry care,
and just a little talk with Jesus makes it right. *(Refrain)*

Dismissal

L Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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