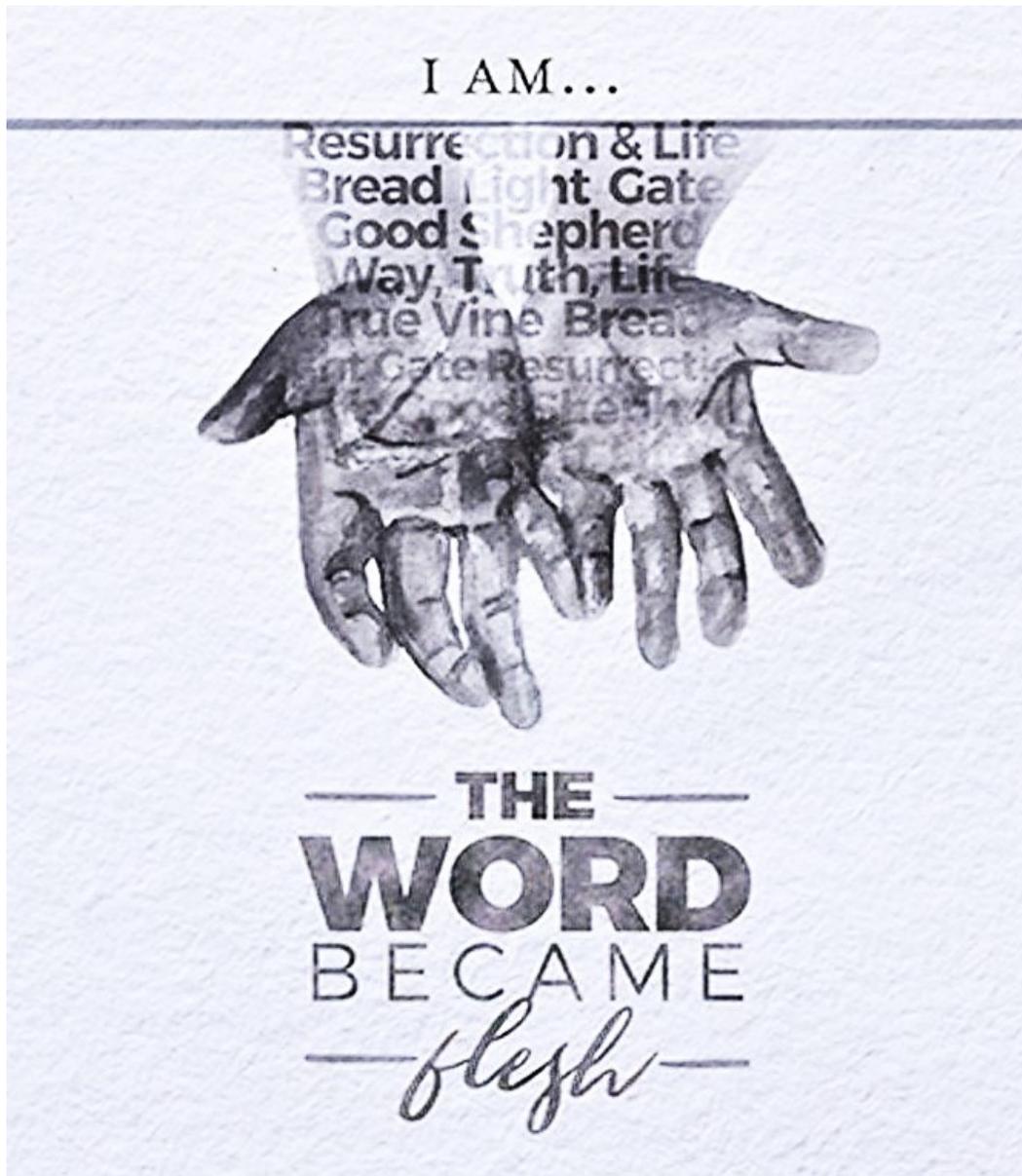


Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



Saturday Service
Eve of the 2nd Sunday of Christmas
1 January 2022
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PRE-SERVICE SONG

Song

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

ACS 1093

In a deep, unbounded darkness,
long before the first light shone,
You, O God, beyond all merit
worked a wonder faith makes known:
In your mercy, in your mercy,
you embraced us as your own,
evermore and evermore.

Though our world is everchanging,
you are constant, firm and sure,
Faithful to your cov'nant promise.
Trusting you, we live, secure:
Singing praises, singing praises,
long as heart and breath endure,
evermore and evermore.

Joy transforms our lips to boasting
only in your matchless grace,
Sending Christ to dwell among us,
Word made flesh in time and space:
Friend and Savior, Friend and Savior,
in whose life we glimpse your face,
evermore and evermore.

God of Hagar, God of Sarah,
God of nomad Abraham;
God of Miriam, God of Moses,
Fi'ry Pillar, great I Am:
lead us homeward, lead us homeward,
to the love-feast of the Lamb,
evermore and evermore.

GATHERING

Welcome Song

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with You.

Refrain: Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
all for love's sake became poor. **(Refrain)**

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.
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Here I am to worship, here I am to worship.

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.

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L Let us pray. *[A brief pause]*

O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Song

How Majestic is Your Name

W&P 66

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!
O Lord, we praise your name.
O Lord, we magnify your name,
Prince of Peace, mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

Gospel

John 1:10-18

P The holy gospel according to St. John.

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

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Song of Day

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

ELW 275

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain: Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light. ***(Refrain)***

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All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One. (*Refrain*)

Prayers of the People

When prompted, call out names of people, places or organizations that are in need of God's care.

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.

Offering Song

In the Bleak Midwinter

ELW 294

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what I can give him—give my heart.

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.

Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as our Savior 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

All Is Well

Sung by VoP

Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray together. *[A brief pause]*

C God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our savior and 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

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
blessed be Your name.

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Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

Refrain: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be,
blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
blessed be Your name. **(Refrain 2X)**

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessed be Your name. **(Repeat Refrain)**

Dismissal

L Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POST-SERVICE SING-ALONG

Song

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas.

We wish you a merry Christmas.

We wish you a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year.

Glad tidings we bring to you and your kin.

We wish you a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year.

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