

# Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



Saturday Service

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## GATHERING

*Three Questions, Three Answers:*

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### Welcome Song

#### *The Heart of Worship*

When the music fades, all is stripped away,  
And I simply come;  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth  
That will bless Your heart.

**Refrain:** I'll bring You more than a song,  
For a song in itself is not what You have required.  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear;  
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,  
And it's all about You, all about You Jesus.  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,  
When it's all about You, all about You Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express  
How much You deserve.  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours,  
Ev'ry single breath. **(Refrain)**

### Welcome & Announcements

#### Sharing the Peace

- L The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C And also with you.

#### Prayer of the Day

- C Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.  
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive  
you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WORD

### First Reading Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

### Song

#### *Hope of the Nations*

Jesus, hope of the nations, Jesus, comfort for all who mourn.  
You are the source of heaven's hope on earth.  
Jesus, light in the darkness. Jesus, truth in each circumstance.  
You are the source of heaven's light on earth.

In history You lived and died. You broke the chains, You rose to life.

**Refrain:** You are the hope living in us. You are the Rock in whom we trust.  
You are the light, shining for all the world to see.  
You rose from the dead, conquering fear. Our Prince of Peace, drawing us near.  
Jesus, our hope, living for all who will receive.  
Lord we believe. (*Repeat song*)

Lord, we believe. (Jesus, hope of the nations.)  
Lord, we believe. (Jesus, hope of the nations.)  
Lord, we believe.

### Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead,

descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

## Song

### *We Believe*

In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear;  
There is only one foundation, we believe, we believe.  
In this broken generation when all is dark, You help us see;  
There is only one salvation; we believe, we believe.

**Refrain:** We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.  
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.  
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again.  
We believe.

So let our faith be more than anthems,  
greater than the songs we sing.  
And in our weakness and temptations we believe, we believe! (*Refrain 2x*)

## Third Reading (Prelude to the Gospel) Luke 12:22-31

<sup>22</sup> (Then, to His disciples Jesus said) **This is why I keep telling you not to worry about anything in life—about what you'll eat, about how you'll clothe your body. <sup>23</sup> Life is more than food, and the body is more than fancy clothes. <sup>24</sup> Think about those crows flying over there: do they plant and harvest crops? Do they own silos or barns? *Look at them fly.* It looks like God is taking pretty good care of them, doesn't it? Remember that you are more precious to God than birds! <sup>25</sup> Which one of you can add a single hour to your life or 18 inches to your height by worrying really hard? <sup>26</sup> If worry can't change anything, why do you do it so much?**

<sup>27</sup> Think about those beautiful wild lilies growing over there. They don't work up a sweat toiling for needs or wants—they don't worry about clothing. Yet the great King Solomon never had an outfit that was half as glorious as theirs!

<sup>28</sup> Look at the grass growing over there. One day it's thriving in the fields. The next day it's being used as fuel. *If God takes such good care of such transient things,* how much more you can depend on God to care for you, weak in faith as you are. <sup>29</sup> Don't reduce your life to the pursuit of food and drink; don't let your mind be filled with anxiety. <sup>30</sup> People of the world who don't know God pursue these things, *but you have a Father caring for you, a Father who knows all your needs.*

<sup>31</sup> *Since you don't need to worry—about security and safety, about food and clothing—then pursue God's kingdom first and foremost, and these other things will come to you as well.*

**Song**

***The Joy of the Lord***

The joy of the Lord will be my strength.  
I will not falter, I will not faint.  
He is my Shepherd, I am not afraid.  
The joy of the Lord is my strength.

The joy of the Lord will be my strength.  
He will uphold me all of my days.  
I am surrounded by mercy and grace.  
And the joy of the Lord is my strength.

***Chorus:*** The joy of the Lord, the joy of the Lord,  
The joy of the Lord is my strength.  
The joy of the Lord, the joy of the Lord,  
The joy of the Lord is my strength.

The joy of the Lord will be my strength.  
And I will not waver, walking by faith.  
He will be strong to deliver me safe.  
The joy of the Lord is my strength. (***Chorus***)

**Gospel Reading**      **Luke 12:32-40**

**L** The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

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

<sup>32</sup> (Jesus continued, saying) *My little flock, don't be afraid. God is your Father, and your Father's great joy is to give you His kingdom.*

<sup>33</sup> *That means you can sell your possessions and give generously to the poor. You can have a different kind of savings plan: one that never depreciates, one that never defaults, one that can't be plundered by crooks or destroyed by natural calamities. <sup>34</sup> Your treasure will be stored in the heavens, and since your treasure is there, your heart will be lodged there as well.*

<sup>35-36</sup> *I'm not just talking theory. There is urgency in all this. If you're apathetic and complacent, then you'll miss the moment of opportunity. You should be wide awake and on your toes like servants who are waiting for their master to return from a big wedding reception. They'll have their shoes on and their lamps lit so they can open the door for him as soon as he arrives home. <sup>37</sup> How fortunate those servants will be when the master knocks and they open the door immediately! You know what the master will do? He'll put on an apron, sit them down at the kitchen table, and he'll serve them a midnight snack. <sup>38</sup> The later he comes home—whether it's at midnight or even later, just before dawn—the more fortunate the alert servants will be.*

<sup>39</sup> *In contrast, imagine a complacent, apathetic household manager whose house gets robbed. If he had been aware that thieves were waiting in the bushes and what hour they were coming, [he would have watched and] he never would have left the house!* <sup>40</sup> I'm trying to tell you that these are times for alertness, times requiring a sense of urgency and intensity, because *like the master in the first story or the thief in the second*, the Son of Man shows up by surprise.

L The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Song

***Seek Ye First***

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

**Reflection on the Hurley Mission Trip**

Song of the Day

***Jesus Messiah***

He became sin, who knew no sin;  
That we might become His righteousness;  
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

***Refrain:*** Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners,  
The Ransom from heaven;  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing. ***(Refrain)***

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;  
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world. ***(Refrain)***

**Prayers of the People**

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

**Sharing Our Gifts**

L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: all that we are, all that we have and all the time He has given us, signs of his gracious love.

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Offertory Song

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

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Lead me, guide me, along the way;  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Song for Reflection

*Hymn of Heaven*

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven,  
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets;  
To look upon the one who bled to save me,  
And walk with Him for all eternity.

**Chorus:** There will be a day when all will bow before Him.  
There will be a day when death will be no more.  
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again.  
Holy, holy is the Lord.

And ev'ry prayer, we prayed in desperation;  
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear.  
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it  
When He returns to wipe away our tears. (**Chorus**)

And on that day we join the resurrection,  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith.  
With one voice, a thousand generations  
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Forever He shall reign. (**Chorus**)

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven.  
With angels and the Saints we raise a mighty roar.  
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave.  
Holy, holy is the Lord.  
Holy, holy is the Lord.  
Holy, holy is the Lord.

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

L Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.  
C Amen.

## Sending

## *Song Living Hope*

How great the chasm that lay between us,  
How high the mountain I could not climb.

In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written.  
Jesus Christ my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven.  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.  
Jesus Christ my living hope.

**Refrain:** Hallelujah! praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah! death has lost its grip on me.  
You have broken every chain,  
There's salvation in Your name.  
Jesus Christ my living hope!

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me.  
Jesus, Yours is the victory. **(Refrain)**

Jesus Christ, my living hope!  
God, You are my living hope!

## Dismissal

L Go in peace. Share your blessings with the world!

C Thanks be to God.

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