

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



Samuel anointed him, and the Spirit of the Eternal fell on David.

Saturday Service
The Fourth Week in Lent
18 March 2023
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For the musical setting of hymns marked with “ELW”, look in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal and for the musical setting of hymns marked with “W&P” look in the purple *Worship & Praise* paperback songbook. Both can be found in the pew backs.

GATHERING

Gathering 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.

Welcome

Confession and Mutual Prayer

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor and the people confess their sins, and pray for one another.

Those burdened by a particular guilt are encouraged to speak with a pastor about Individual Confession and Absolution.

Silence for reflection may be kept.

P I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault, in thought, word, and deed.

I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

C Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed.

I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

P Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. 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*]

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

In The Voice translation, italicized words are added to the Biblical text.

L A reading from First Samuel.

16 Eternal One (*to Samuel*): How long will you mourn over Saul? I have rejected him as king over *My people* Israel. Now take your horn, fill it with oil, and depart. I have selected a new king for Me from among the sons of Jesse of Bethlehem.

Samuel: ² How can I do that? If Saul hears *I am anointing a new king*, he will kill me!

Eternal One: Take a heifer with you, and say, “I have come to sacrifice to the Eternal One.” ³ Invite Jesse to that sacrifice, and *when he arrives*, I will show you what to do. You will anoint for Me the one I show to you.

Narrator: ⁴ Samuel did as the Eternal One had told him, and he went to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came out to him, *unsure of what business he had there*.

Elders (*trembling*): Do you come in peace?

Samuel: ⁵ Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the Eternal One. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.

Narrator: And Samuel consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice as well. ⁶ When they came, he noticed *the eldest son*, Eliab.

Samuel (*to himself*): Surely this is the one the Eternal One will anoint.

Eternal One (*to Samuel*): ⁷ Take no notice of his looks or his height. He is not the one, for the Eternal One does not pay attention to what

humans value. Humans only care about the external appearance, but the Eternal considers the inner character.

Narrator: ⁸ Jesse called *his son* Abinadab and brought him to Samuel. Samuel looked at him.

Samuel: The Eternal has not chosen him either.

Narrator: ⁹ Then Jesse brought *his son* Shammah in front of *Samuel*.

Samuel: The Eternal has not chosen him either.

Narrator: ¹⁰ Jesse walked seven of his sons in front of Samuel, *and each time*, Samuel refused them because the Eternal One had chosen none of them.

Samuel (to Jesse): ¹¹ Are all your sons here?

Jesse: All but the youngest. He is off keeping the sheep.

Samuel: Send for him, and bring him here. We will not sit down until he arrives.

Narrator: ¹² Jesse sent for the youngest son, *David*, and he came in *front of Samuel*. He was a handsome boy, with a healthy complexion and bright eyes.

Eternal One: Rise and anoint him, because this is the one.

Narrator: ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn filled with *olive* oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the Spirit of the Eternal fell strongly on David and remained from that day on. Samuel then left for Ramah.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (KJV)

¹The Lord is my shepherd:
I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Gospel John 9:1-7

P The holy gospel according to St. John.

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

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Handbell Meditation

Near the Cross

Sermon

Song of Day

Lead Me, Guide Me ELW768

Chorus:

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.

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
To help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(Chorus)

Help me tread in the paths of your righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(Chorus)

I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(Chorus)

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.

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. 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.

Offertory Song

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

There's a light in the valley of death now for me,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And the gates of the city beyond I can see,
Since Jesus came into my heart!

Since Jesus came into my heart,
Since Jesus came into my heart,
Floods of joy o'er my soul
Like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into 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

P Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. ...

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

C Amen.

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. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand or kneel around the altar.

Communion Song

Rest

Oh, my Lord, You are my Shepherd, and I shall not want.

Oh, my Lord,
Beside still waters, You repair my heart.
I trust in You, oh, I trust in You.

Chorus:

Even though I walk through the valley of death,
You restore my soul and You give me rest.
Oh, the memories of Your faithfulness;
You restore my soul and You give me rest,
You restore my soul and You give me rest.
You give me rest.

Oh, my Lord,
You've prepared a table for You and me.
Oh, my Lord,
In the middle of a fire with my enemies.
I trust in You, oh, I trust in You

(Chorus)

I will fear no evil for You're here with me.
Your goodness and Your love,
They will never leave.
Just a closer walk with Thee, just a closer walk.
Just a closer walk with Thee, just a closer walk.

(Chorus)

You give me rest.

Prayer After Communion

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

C Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Song

Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days Of Your servant, Moses,
Righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying,
“Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

Chorus:

Behold He comes,
Riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
So lift your voice,
It's the year of Jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill Salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant, David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world;
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the Word of the Lord.

(Chorus)

There is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah,
There is no god like Jehovah.

(Repeat 4 times)

(Chorus 2 times)

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

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Bible Readings

for Daily Prayer (March 21-27)

Monday

Psalm 146
Isaiah 59:9-19
Acts 9:1-20

Tuesday

Psalm 146
Isaiah 42:14-21
Colossians 1:9-14

Wednesday

Psalm 146
Isaiah 60:17-22
Matthew 9:27-34

Thursday

Psalm 130
Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8—3:3

Revelation 10:1-11

Friday

Psalm 130
Ezekiel 33:10-16
Revelation 11:15-19

Saturday

Psalm 130
Ezekiel 36:8-15
Luke 24:44-53

Sunday

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

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