

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

Saturday Service
The Second Sunday in Lent
4 March 2023
www.oslc-warrenton.org

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

Blessed be the God of Israel

ELW250

Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
And raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David’s tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.

With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
The oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;
That we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
In holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.

My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,
To tell God’s people they are saved from sin’s eternal sway.
Then shall god’s mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
To drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

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]*

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

First Reading **Genesis 12:1-4**

A reading from Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

I To the Hills Lift Up My Eyes

I to the hills lift up my eyes;
From where shall help be given?
My help comes only from the Lord
Who made the earth and heaven.

He will not let your foot be moved;
Guard over you He keeps:
He watches over Israel
And slumbers not, nor sleeps.

Strong is the Lord, your shield and shade;
Safe are you in His sight:
Sun shall not hurt your life by day
Nor shall the moon by night.

So shall the Lord keep you from harm;
He will keep safe and sure
Your going out, your coming in
From now, for evermore.

Second Reading Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A reading from Romans.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel John 3:1-17

P The holy gospel according to St. John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Narrator: ³ Nicodemus was one of the Pharisees, a man with some clout among his people. ² He came to Jesus under the cloak of darkness to question Him.

Nicodemus: Teacher, some of us have been talking. You are obviously a teacher who has come from God. The signs You are doing are proof that God is with You.

Jesus: ³ I tell you the truth: only someone who experiences birth for a second time can *hope to see* the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus: ⁴ *I am a grown man.* How can someone be born again when he is old *like me*? Am I to crawl back into my mother's womb for a second birth? *That's impossible!*

Jesus: ⁵ I tell you the truth, if someone does not experience water and Spirit birth, there's no chance he will make it into God's kingdom. ⁶ *Like from like.* Whatever is born from flesh is flesh; whatever is born from Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Don't be shocked by My words, *but I tell you the truth.* Even you, *an educated and respected man among your people,* must be reborn *by the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God.* ⁸ The wind blows all around us as if it has a will of its own; we *feel and* hear it, but we do not understand where it has come from or where it will end up. Life in the Spirit is as if it were the wind of God.

Nicodemus: ⁹ I still do not understand how this can be.

Jesus: ¹⁰ Your responsibility is to instruct Israel *in matters of faith,* but you do not comprehend *the necessity of life in the Spirit?* ¹¹ I tell you the truth: we speak about the things we know, and we give evidence about the things we have seen, and you choose to reject *the truth of our witness.* ¹² If you do not believe when I talk to you about ordinary, earthly realities, then heavenly realities will certainly elude you. ¹³ No one has ever journeyed to heaven above except the One who has come down from heaven—the Son of Man, who is of heaven. ¹⁴ Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness. In the same way, the Son of Man must be lifted up; ¹⁵ then all those who believe in Him will experience everlasting life.

Narrator: ¹⁶ For God expressed His love for the world in this way: He gave His only Son so that whoever believes in Him will not face everlasting destruction, but will have everlasting life. ¹⁷ Here's

the point. God didn't send His Son into the world to judge it; instead, He is here to rescue a world *headed toward certain destruction*.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of Day

Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise,
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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

Chorus: 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.

I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And my sins, which were many, are all washed away,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
(Chorus)

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.

You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

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 life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

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

Boldly I Approach

By grace alone, somehow I stand
Where even angels fear to tread.
Invited by redeeming love
Before the throne of God above.
He pulls me close with nail-scarred hands
Into His everlasting arms.

When condemnation grips my heart
And Satan tempts me to despair,
I hear the voice that scatters fear;
The Great I Am, the Lord is here.
O praise the One who fights for me,
And shields my soul eternally!

Chorus:

Boldly I approach Your throne,
Blameless now I'm running home.
By Your blood I come, welcomed as Your own
Into the arms of majesty.

Behold the bright and risen Son;
More beauty than this world has known.
I'm face to face with Love Himself,
His perfect spotless righteousness.
A thousand years, a thousand tongues
Are not enough to sing His praise.

(Chorus 2 times)

This is the art of celebration,
Knowing we're free from condemnation.
O praise the One, praise the One
Who made an end to all my sin.

(Chorus)

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

You Have Been Good

O Lord, You have been good,
You have been faithful to all generations.
O Lord, Your steadfast love
And tender mercy have been our salvation.
(Repeat)

Chorus:

For by Your hand we have been fed,
And by Your Spirit we have been led.

O Lord, You have been good,
You have been faithful to all generations.
(Chorus)

O Lord, Almighty God,
Father unchanging, upright and holy.

O Lord You have been good,
You have been faithful, You have been good.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.



Bible Readings

for Daily Prayer (February 27-March 5)

Monday

Psalm 128
Numbers 21:4-9
Hebrews 3:1-6

Tuesday

Psalm 128
Isaiah 65:17-25
Romans 4:6-13

Wednesday

Psalm 128
Ezekiel 36:22-32
John 7:53—8:11

Thursday

Psalm 95
Exodus 16:1-8
Colossians 1:15-23

Friday

Psalm 95
Exodus 16:9-21
Ephesians 2:11-22

Saturday

Psalm 95
Exodus 16:27-35
John 4:1-6

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

From sundaysandseasons.com. Copyright © 2022 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.
Some liturgical material copyright © 2017 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS009239. || New Revised Standard Version Bible, Copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. Used by permission. All rights reserved. One License # 710443-A for print and broadcast.

Copyright Acknowledgments

Gospel: The Voice Bible Copyright © 2012 Thomas Nelson, Inc. The Voice™ translation © 2012 Ecclesia Bible Society. All rights reserved.

Blessed be the God of Israel: Text © 1989 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission. | Outside USA: Arr. from The English Hymnal © Oxford University Press 1906. All rights reserved.

To the Hills Lift Up My Eyes: © Christopher Idle - The Jubilate Group (Admin. by Jubilate Hymns Ltd, sub to Hope Publishing for various regions) (Admin. by Hope Publishing Company) | For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com | CCLI Song # 3796186 | CCLI License # 2800659

Speak O Lord: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend © 2005 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) | For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com | CCLI License # 2800659 | CCLI Song # 4615235

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart: Charles Hutchinson Gabriel, Rufus H. McDaniel © Words: Public Domain | Music: Public Domain | For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com | CCLI License # 2800659 | CCLI Song # 71650

Boldly I Approach: Rend Collective | © 2014 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) | For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com | CCLI Song # 7014655 | CCLI License # 2800659

You Have Been Good: Twila Paris © 1988 Ariose Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) | Mountain Spring Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) | For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com | CCLI License # 2800659 | CCLI Song # 59452