

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



Saturday Service
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
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GATHERING

Gathering Song

What a Fellowship

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What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain: Leaning, leaning safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Confession and Forgiveness

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 presiding minister may comment briefly upon the service of the day.

P Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

C Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

C Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not remove us from your presence; do not take your Spirit away.

C Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen

P God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through 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 Acts 7:55-60

L A reading from Acts

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”

⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Good News Translation

I come to you, Lord, for protection; never let me be defeated.

You are a righteous God; save me, I pray! Hear me! Save me now!

Be my refuge to protect me;

my defense to save me.

You are my refuge and defense;

guide me and lead me as you have promised.

Keep me safe from the trap that has been set for me;

shelter me from danger.

I place myself in your care.

You will save me, Lord; you are a faithful God.

I am always in your care; save me from my enemies,

from those who persecute me.

Look on your servant with kindness;

save me in your constant love.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from First Peter.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸and

“A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel John 14:1-14

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus: Don’t get lost in despair; believe in God, and keep on believing in Me. ² My Father’s home is designed to accommodate all of you. If there were not room for everyone, I would have told you that. I am going to make arrangements for your arrival. ³ I will be there to greet you personally and welcome you home, where we will be together. ⁴ You know where I am going and how to get there.

Thomas: ⁵ Lord, we don’t know where You are going, so how can we know the path?

Jesus: ⁶ I am the path, the truth, and the *energy of* life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. ⁷ If you know Me, you know the Father. Rest assured now; you know Him and have seen Him.

Philip: ⁸ Lord, all I am asking is that You show us the Father.

Jesus (to Philip): ⁹ I have lived with you all this time, and you still don’t know who I am? If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father. How can you keep asking to see the Father? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe Me when I say I abide in the Father and the Father dwells in Me? I’m not making this up as I go along. The Father has given Me these truths that I have been speaking to you, and He empowers all My actions. ¹¹ Accept these truths: I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me. If you have trouble believing based on My words, believe

because of the things I have done. ¹² I tell you the truth: whoever believes in Me will be able to do what I have done, but they will do even greater things, because I will return to be with the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask for in My name, I will do it so that the Father will get glory from the Son. ¹⁴ *Let Me say it again:* if you ask for anything in My name, I will do it.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Song of Day

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

(Repeat)

Chorus:

Christ alone. Cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord.
Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.

(Chorus)

He is Lord. Lord of all.

(Chorus)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone.
Faultless stand before the throne.

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 Hymn The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing ELW531

The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
the feast is ready to begin.

The gates of heav'n are open wide,
And Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain: Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

Tables are laden with good things;
Oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine;
He'll turn your water into wine. (*Refrain*)

The hungry heart he satisfies,
Offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud
The amazing goodness of the Lord. (*Refrain*)

Offering Prayer

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

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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 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

The Way

Through every battle, through every heartbreak,
Through every circumstance,
I believe that You are my fortress.
Oh, You are my portion. You are my hiding place.
Oh, I believe You are

Chorus:

The Way, the Truth, the Life.
I believe You are
The Way, the Truth, the Life.
I believe (You are)

Through every blessing, through every promise,
Through every breath I take,
I believe that You are provider.
You are protector. You are the One I love.
I believe You are

(Chorus)

It's a new horizon, and I'm set on You.
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new.
All my fears and doubts, they can all come, too,
Because they can't stay long when I'm here with You.

It's a new horizon, and I'm set on You.
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new.
All my fears and doubts, they can all come, too,
Because they can't stay long when I believe You are
(Chorus)

Prayer After Communion

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

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer shadow, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

Sending Song

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.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
C Thanks be to God.

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