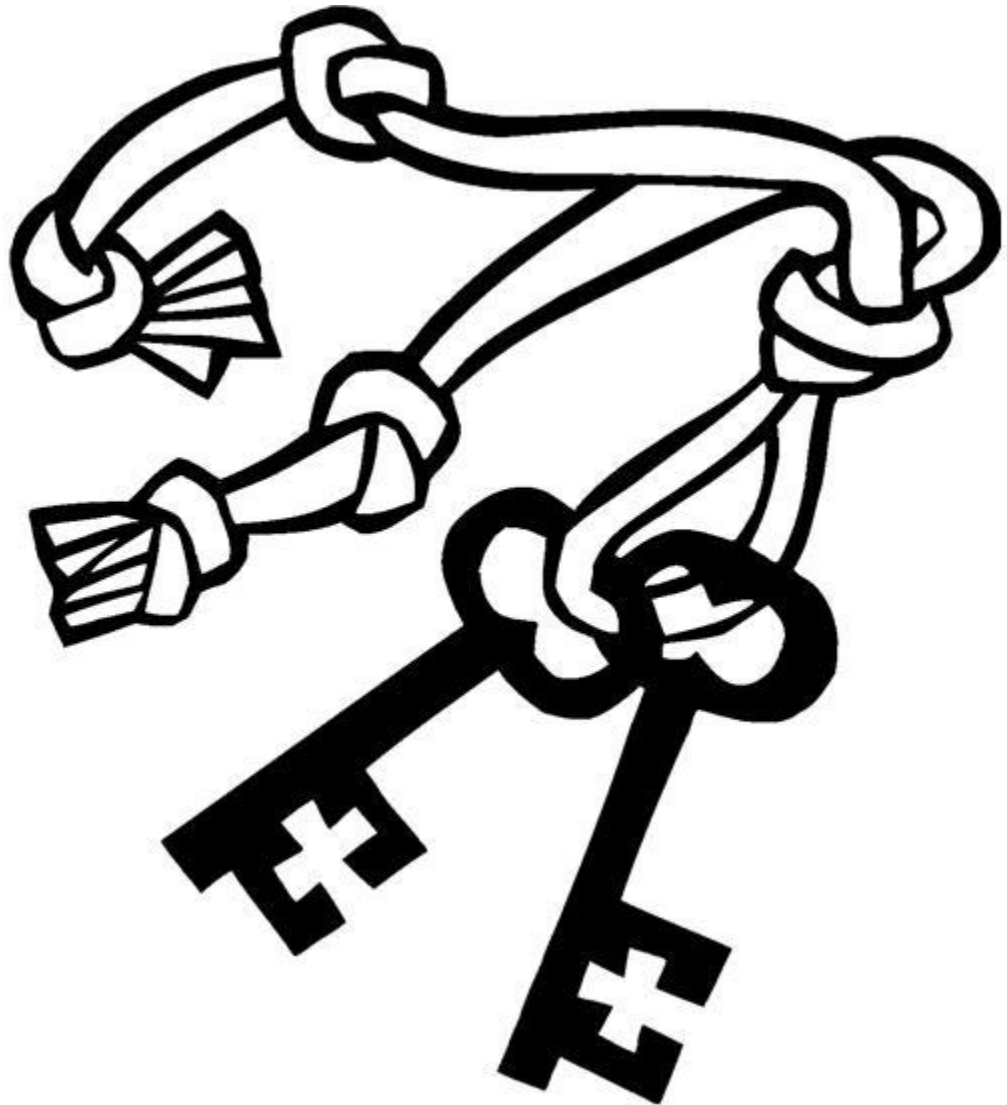


# Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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## GATHERING

Gathering Song

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

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My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**Refrain:** On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. **(Refrain)**

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay. **(Refrain)**

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
redeemed to stand before the throne! **(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 Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Most merciful God,  
C we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community.  
We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty.  
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned.  
We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak.  
We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant  
us your mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace  
when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and  
forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

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.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the  
rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of  
your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

### WORD

#### First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

L A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD.  
Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from  
which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was  
but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden  
of the LORD;

joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of  
song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a  
teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the  
peoples.

<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for  
the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a  
garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be  
ended.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 138

L We will read the Psalm responsively. The congregation will read the  
sections in bold print.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;  
**I sing praise to you before the gods.**

<sup>2</sup>I face your holy Temple,  
bow down, and praise your name  
because of your constant love and faithfulness,  
**because you have shown that your name and your commands  
are supreme.**

<sup>3</sup>You answered me when I called to you;  
**with your strength you strengthened me.**

<sup>4</sup>All the kings in the world will praise you, Lord,  
**because they have heard your promises.**

<sup>5</sup> They will sing about what you have done  
and about your great glory.

<sup>6</sup> Even though you are so high above,  
you care for the lowly,  
and the proud cannot hide from you.

<sup>7</sup> When I am surrounded by troubles,  
you keep me safe.  
You oppose my angry enemies  
and save me by your power.

<sup>8</sup> You will do everything you have promised;  
Lord, your love is eternal.  
Complete the work that you have begun.

### **Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2A, 29-32**

**L** A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20**

**P** The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

**Narrator:** <sup>13</sup> Jesus then went to Caesarea Philippi.

**Jesus (to His disciples):** Who do people say the Son of Man is?

**Disciples:** <sup>14</sup> Some say John the Baptist. And some say Elijah. And some say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.

**Jesus:** <sup>15</sup> And you? Who do you say that I am?

**Peter:** <sup>16</sup> You are the Anointed One. You are the Son of the living God.

**Jesus:** <sup>17</sup> Simon, son of Jonah, your knowledge is a mark of blessing. For you didn't learn this truth from your friends or from teachers or from sages you've met on the way. You learned it from My Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> This is why I have called you Peter (*rock*): for on this rock I will build My church. The church will reign triumphant even at the gates of hell. <sup>19</sup> Peter, I give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

**Narrator:** <sup>20</sup> And Jesus ordered His disciples *to keep these teachings secret*.

**Jesus:** You must tell no one that I am the Anointed.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

## Song of the Day

## Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, you are forever,  
Lord of the ages, God before time;  
We are a vapor, you are eternal,  
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

### *Refrain:*

Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty,  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;  
Highest praises, honor and glory  
Be unto your name, be unto your name.

We are the broken, you are the healer,  
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;  
You are the love song we'll sing forever,  
Bowing before you, blessing your name.

### *(Refrain 2X)*

Be unto your name.  
Be unto your name.

## Prayers of the People

*The minister begins the prayers:*

P Almighty God, we offer you our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

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

*The minister concludes the prayers:*

P Into your hands, O God, we commend those for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

C Amen.

## 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](http://www.oslc-warrenton.org) by clicking the "DONATE" tab on the homepage.*

### Offertory Song

### Seek Ye First

W&P 122

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

Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

### Offering Prayer

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

**God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Dialogue

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** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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

## 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*]

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

### **SENDING**

### **Blessing**

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

C Amen.

**Refrain:**

We are the church, the body of our Lord;  
we are all God's children. We have been restored.

The church is not a building where people go to pray;  
it's not made out of sticks and stones, it's not made out of clay.  
**(Refrain)**

You can go to worship but you cannot go to church;  
you can't find a building that's alive no matter how you search.  
**(Refrain)**

The church is not a business, a committee or a board;  
it's not a corporation for the business of the Lord.  
**(Refrain)**

The church, it is the people living out their lives,  
called, enlightened, sanctified for the work of Jesus Christ.  
**(Refrain)**

**Dismissal**

**L** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

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