

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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GATHERING

Gathering Song

God is Here

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God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit; Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

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 bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Steadfast and faithful God,
C you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation,
forgive us.
For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive
us.
Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

P Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
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.
L Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let
us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory;
redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

L A reading from Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

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

Sing a new song to the LORD!

Sing to the LORD, all the world!

² Sing to the LORD, and praise him!

Proclaim every day the good news that he has saved us.

³ Proclaim his glory to the nations,
his mighty deeds to all peoples.

**⁴ The LORD is great and is to be highly praised;
he is to be honored more than all the gods.**

⁵ The gods of all other nations are only idols,
but the LORD created the heavens.

**⁶ Glory and majesty surround him;
power and beauty fill his Temple.**

⁷ Praise the LORD, all people on earth;
praise his glory and might.

**⁸ Praise the LORD's glorious name;
bring an offering and come into his Temple.**

⁹ Bow down before the Holy One when he appears;^[a]
tremble before him, all the earth!

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

L A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Thessalonica.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you
in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and
Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of
hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters

beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

The congregation remains seated during the multi-voice presentation of the lesson.

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Narrator: ¹⁵ At that, the Pharisees left. They determined to trap this Jesus with His own words—*hang Him by His own rope, you might say*. ¹⁶ They sent a batch of students to Him, along with a group that was loyal to Herod.

Students: Teacher, we know You are a man of integrity and You tell the truth about the way of God. We know You don't cotton to public opinion. ¹⁷ *And that is why we trust You and want You to settle something for us: should we, God's chosen people, pay taxes to Caesar or not?*

Narrator: ¹⁸ Jesus knew these men were out to trap Him.

Jesus: You hypocrites! Why do you show up here with such a transparent trick? ¹⁹ Bring Me a coin you would use to pay tax.

Narrator: Someone handed Him a denarius. ²⁰ *Jesus fingered the coin.*

Jesus: Of whom is this a portrait, and who owns this inscription?

Students: ²¹ Caesar.

Jesus: Well then, render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.

Narrator: ²² And those *who had come hoping to trick Jesus* were confounded and amazed. And they left Him and went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

(Children come forward during "This Little Light of Mine".)

Sermon

Song of the Day

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)

Prayers of the People

When prompted, everyone is encouraged to call out names of people, places or organizations for which they are thankful or that are in need of God's care.

The minister begins the prayers:

P Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

Hear now the names we speak before you and each other.

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 Savior.

C Amen.

MEAL

Sharing Our Gifts

L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

Our offerings support the work of the church here and around the world. 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. Thank you!

Offertory Song

Give Thanks

W&P 41

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”
Let the poor say, “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”
Let the poor say, “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks!

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

C God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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 at the Table

P Holy God, mighty and merciful,

C **your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish. You bound yourself to your people of old, showing them steadfast love and calling them to be a light to the nations. Holy God, mighty and merciful,

C **your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise, you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, who in the night in which he was betrayed, 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.

With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up; Holy God, mighty and merciful,

C **your mercy endures forever.**

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. Holy God, mighty and merciful,

C **your mercy endures forever.**

P With earth and its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, with [... and] all the saints, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, 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

When invited, gather at the altar, standing or kneeling. Receive the Body of Christ in your hand. When the cup is offered, you may drink from it or dip the bread into it. If you prefer not to receive one or both elements, indicate this by crossing your arms in front of your chest and the minister will offer you a blessing.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please let the pastor know before the service. If you desire to have the sacrament brought to your seat, simply notify an usher.

We believe that Christ is truly present in the elements of bread and wine. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive him there. To learn about being baptized, speak to a pastor.

Communion Song *Yours (Glory and Praise)*

It all revolves around your throne.
Who can know your glory?
So high above, yet slain for us,
You alone are worthy.

Chorus:

And the praise is yours, and the praise is yours.
You're the One we bow before.
Reigning over us, as we lift you up
You will reign forevermore.

The One who was, and is to come,
God of every moment.
Forever crowned, exalted now.
You alone are holy!

(Chorus)

Glory and praise, power and strength.
Worthy is the Lamb of God, Hallelujah.
(Repeat this section)

Hallelujah. Worthy is the Lamb of God, hallelujah.
(Chorus)

Glory and praise, power and strength.
Worthy is the Lamb of God, Hallelujah.
Hallelujah. Worthy is the Lamb of God, hallelujah.

It all revolves around your throne.
Who can know your glory?

Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray.

Blessed be your name, O God,

for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Song

God of Grace and God of Glory

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God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
Crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,

rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. God is at work in you.
C Thanks be to God.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62

Monday, October 23, 2023

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters

Thursday, October 26, 2023

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

Simon and Jude, Apostles

Saturday, October 28, 2023

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

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