

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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Preservice Song

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.

Welcome and Announcements

❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering

Blessed be the God of Israel

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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.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

- P Beloved in Christ: Do you confess that by your own sins you have earned God's wrath?
C I confess it.
- P Do you truly regret these sins?
C I regret them.
- P Do you forgive all those who have sinned against you?
C I forgive them.
- P Are you trying to live according to the will of God?
C I am trying.
- P Do you believe that God forgives sinners for the sake of Jesus Christ?
C I believe it.

P Then may it be unto you according to your faith. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive your sins, 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 Let us pray.

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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

Children's Message

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

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

L A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them

to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51:1-12

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

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your
sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right in your
judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10

L A reading from the book of Hebrews.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

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

P The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Narrator: ²⁰ Among the crowds traveling to Jerusalem were Greeks seeking to *follow God and* worship at the great feast. ²¹⁻
²² Some of them came to Philip with an important request.

Greek Pilgrims (to Philip): Sir, we are hoping to meet Jesus.

Narrator: Philip, a disciple from the Galilean village of Bethsaida, told Andrew *that these Greeks wanted to see Jesus.*

Together Andrew and Philip approached Jesus to inform Him about the request.

Jesus (to Philip and Andrew): ²³ The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ I tell you the truth: unless a grain of wheat is planted in the ground and dies, it remains a solitary seed. But when it is planted, it produces in death a great harvest. ²⁵ The one who loves this life will lose it, and the one who despises it in this world will have life forevermore. ²⁶ Anyone who serves Me must follow My path; anyone who serves Me will want to be where I am, and he will be honored by the Father. ²⁷ My spirit is low and unsettled. How can I ask the Father to save Me from this hour? This hour is the purpose for which I have come *into the world*. *But what I can say is this:* ²⁸ “Father, glorify Your name!”

Narrator: Suddenly a voice echoed from the heavens.

The Father: I have glorified My name. And again I will bring glory *in this hour that will resound throughout time*.

Narrator: ²⁹ The crowd of people surrounding Jesus were confused.

Some in the Crowd: It sounded like thunder.

Others: A heavenly messenger spoke to Him.

Jesus: ³⁰ The voice you hear has not spoken for My benefit, but for yours. ³¹ Now judgment comes upon this world, *and everything will change*. The tyrant of this world, *Satan*, will be thrown out. ³² When I am lifted up from the earth, then all of humanity will be drawn to Me.

Narrator: ³³ These words foreshadowed the nature of His death.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us,
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ my living hope.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah! death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

(Refrain)

Jesus Christ, my living hope!
O God, You are my living hope.

Prayers of the People

The minister begins the prayers:

P Beloved, I ask you prayers for the church, for all manners of people, and for God's good Creation. After each category is announced, offer your own petitions aloud or in silence

Prayer Song *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* **ELW752**

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

P For the church. [C Names]

P For our nation, and for the nations of the world. [C Names]

P For God's blessings, in thanksgiving. [C Names]

P For the poor. [C Names]

P For the sick. [C Names]

The minister concludes the prayers:

P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

The Prayer Song is repeated at the conclusion of our prayers.

❧ 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 *Now is the Time of Grace*

Sung as a round. Group 2 starts from the beginning when group 1 gets to the arrow (the word “grace”).



Now is the time of grace, now is the day of salvation.
Turn now, and seek God’s face, now behold God’s invitation.
(Sing twice)

Offering Prayer

- L Let us pray together.
C **Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name. 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,
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

Same God

I'm calling on the God of Jacob
Whose love endures through generations.
I know that You will keep Your covenant.
I'm calling on the God of Moses,
The one who opened up the ocean.
I need you now to do the same thing for me.

Chorus:

Oh God, my God, I need You.
Oh God, my God, I need You now,
How I need You now.
Oh Rock, oh Rock, of ages
I'm standing on Your faithfulness.

I'm calling on the God of Mary
Whose favor rests upon the lowly.
I know with You all things are possible.
I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous.

I may not face Goliath,
But I've got my own giants.
(Chorus)

You heard Your children then; You hear Your children now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.
You answered prayers back then, And You will answer now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.
You were providing then, You are providing now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.

You moved in power then; God, move in power now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.
You were a healer then; You are a healer now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.
You were a Savior then; You are a Savior now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.
(Chorus)

You freed the captives then; You're freeing hearts right now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.
You touched the lepers then; I feel Your touch right now.
You are the same God, You are the same God.
(Chorus)

Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray.

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C Amen.

✻ SENDING ✻

Blessing

- L Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with
courage, and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

Sending Song

Blessed Assurance

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Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

(Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

(Refrain)

Dismissal

- L Go in peace. Remember the poor.
- C Thanks be to God.

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Thanksgiving at the Table: *With One Voice*, Lent.