

# Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



Saturday Worship + 9 March 2024  
Fourth Saturday in Lent + Year B

6194 Dumfries Rd. Warrenton, VA 20187 + 540.347.3224. + [www.oslc-warrenton.org](http://www.oslc-warrenton.org)

## Preservice Song *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.  
I'm accepted; You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me  
because You died and rose again.

### ***Chorus:***

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You.

### ***(Repeat Chorus)***

In all I do I honor You.

You are my King, You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King.  
***(Chorus)***

## Welcome and Announcements

### **❧ GATHERING ❧**

## Gathering *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

Over the mountains and the sea Your river runs with love for me,  
And I will open up my heart, and let the Healer set me free.  
I'm happy to be in the truth, and I will daily lift my hands,  
For I will always sing of when Your love came down, yeah.

### ***Chorus:***

I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.  
***(Repeat from the beginning)***

Oh, I feel like dancing; It's foolishness, I know.  
But when the world has seen the light,  
they will dance with joy like we're dancing now.  
*(Chorus)*

### **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, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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 ✿

### Children's Message

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

### First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

L A reading from the book of Numbers.

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

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

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,  
for God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim  
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

<sup>3</sup>gathering them in from the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and  
from the south.

<sup>17</sup>**Some were fools and took rebellious paths;  
through their sins they were afflicted.**

<sup>18</sup>They loathed all manner of food  
and drew near to death's door.

<sup>19</sup>**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD  
and you delivered them from their distress.**

<sup>20</sup>You sent forth your word and healed them  
and rescued them from the grave.

<sup>21</sup>**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love  
and your wonderful works for all people.**

<sup>22</sup>Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving  
and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

## Second Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

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

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to

come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**Gospel: John 3:14-21**

*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.

**Jesus:** <sup>14</sup> Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness. In the same way, the Son of Man must be lifted up; <sup>15</sup> then all those who believe in Him will experience everlasting life.

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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.*

<sup>18</sup> No one who believes in Him has to fear condemnation, yet condemnation is already the reality for everyone who refuses to believe because they reject the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> Why does God allow for judgment *and condemnation*? Because the Light, *sent from God*, pierced through the world's darkness *to expose ill motives, hatred, gossip, greed, violence, and the like.* Still some people preferred the darkness over the light because their actions were

dark. <sup>20</sup> Some of humankind hated the light. They *scampered hurriedly* back into the darkness where vices thrive and wickedness flourishes. <sup>21</sup> Those who *abandon deceit and* embrace what is true, they will enter into the light where it will be clear that all their deeds come from God.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

Song of the Day *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* ELW 779

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

## Prayers of the People

*The minister begins the prayers:*

P Beloved, I ask your 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](http://www.oslc-warrenton.org) by clicking the “DONATE” tab on the homepage. Thank you!*

**Offertory Song**    *I’m Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger*  
*Spiritoso Ringers*

### **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                      *Gracefully Broken*

Take all I have in these hands  
And multiply, God, all that I am  
And find my heart on the altar again.  
Set me on fire. Set me on fire.

#### *Refrain:*

Here I am, God, arms wide open,  
Pouring out my life, gracefully broken.

My heart stands in awe of Your name.  
Your mighty love stands strong to the end.  
You will fulfill Your purpose for me.  
You won't forsake me.  
You will be with me. (*Refrain 2x*)

All to Jesus now, all to Jesus now.  
Holding nothing back, holding nothing back.

I surrender, I surrender, I surrender, I surrender. (*Refrain*)

### 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

### *Everlasting God*

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever.  
Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God,  
You do not faint, You won't grow weary.  
You're the defender of the weak,  
You comfort those in need.  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.  
*(Repeat song)*

### Dismissal

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

## Copyright Acknowledgements

### Cover Art

**Moses & the Bronze Serpent:** <https://www.flickr.com/photos/paullew/2856215102/> | This mural is found in All Saints', Margaret Street in London.

### Music

**You Are My King (Amazing Love):** Billy J. Foote © 1996 worshiptogether.com songs. | For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com) | CCLI License # 2800659 | CCLI Song #2456623

**I Could Sing of Your Love Forever:** Martin Smith © 1994 Curious? Music UK (Admin. by Integrity Music) | *For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved.* [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com) | CCLI License # 2800659 | CCLI Song # 1043199

**Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound:** Public Domain.

**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying:** Text and music © 1973 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

**I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger:** American Folk Tune, Arranged by Tammy Waldrop © Agape (A Division of Hope Publishing Company) Carol Stream, Illinois 60188. | All Rights Reserved. International Copyright Secured.

**Gracefully Broken:** Bryan Torwalt, Jonas Myrin, Katie Torwalt, Matt Redman, Tasha Cobbs Leonard | © 2017 Capitol CMG Genesis (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) | Capitol CMG Paragon (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) | Jesus Culture Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) | Jesus Culture Music Group (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) | Meadowgreen Music Company (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) | Said And Done Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) | sixsteps Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) | Son of the Lion (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) | Tasha Cobbs Music Group (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) | worshiptogether.com songs (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) | For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com) | CCLI License # 2800659 | CCLI Song # 7091509

**Everlasting God:** Brenton Brown and Ken Riley © 2005 Thankyou Music | For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com) | CCLI License # 2800659 | CCLI Song # 4556538

### Bible Readings

**Gospel Reading from *The Voice Bible*** © 2012 Thomas Nelson, Inc. The Voice™ translation © 2012 Ecclesia Bible Society All rights reserved.

### Liturgical Elements

**sundaysandseasons.com** © 2002 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

Some liturgical material © 2017 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS009239

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