

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



Jesus Cleaning the Temple

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*“My house shall be called a house of prayer
for all nations.” Mark 11:17*

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Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wand'ring heart.
Be my eyes, be my ears, be the only voice I hear;
Guide my soul, give me sight, help me walk within your light.

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you alone:
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safely home:
Ev'ry step that I make, be the road I will take;
Be the thoughts that I keep and in ev'ry word I speak.

Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wand'ring heart.
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you alone:
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Welcome and Announcements

❧ GATHERING ❧

Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you;
Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might be renewed.
So fill me and heal me, and bring me back to you.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

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.

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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: Exodus 20:1-17

L A reading from Exodus.

¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

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

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the
ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs
about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the
eyes.**

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine
gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

- ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: John 2:13-22

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: ¹³ The time was near to celebrate the Passover, *the festival commemorating when God rescued His children from slavery in Egypt*, so Jesus went to Jerusalem for the celebration. ¹⁴ Upon arriving, He entered the temple to worship. But the porches and colonnades were filled with merchants selling *sacrificial animals (such as doves, oxen, and sheep)* and exchanging money. ¹⁵ Jesus fashioned a whip of cords and used it *with skill* driving out animals; He scattered the money and overturned the tables, emptying profiteers from the house of God. ¹⁶ There were dove merchants *still standing around*, and Jesus reprimanded them.

Jesus: *What are you still doing here? Get all your stuff, and haul it out of here! Stop making My Father's house a place for your own profit!*

Narrator: ¹⁷ *The disciples were astounded*, but they remembered that the Hebrew Scriptures said, "Jealous devotion for God's house consumes me." ¹⁸ Some of the Jews cried out to Him *in unison*.

Jews: Who gave You the right to shut us down? *If it is God, then show us a sign.*

Jesus: ¹⁹ *You want a sign? Here it is.* Destroy this temple, and I will rebuild it in 3 days.

Jews: ²⁰ *Three days?* This temple took more than 46 years to complete. You think You can replicate that feat in 3 days?

Narrator: ²¹ The true temple was His body. ²² His disciples remembered this bold prediction after He was resurrected. *Because of this knowledge*, their faith in the Hebrew Scriptures and in Jesus' teachings grew.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Refrain:

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
(repeat each time)

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me,
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

(Refrain)

I will not forget your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
And I will love you to the end.

(Refrain)**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

You Shine

Why should I fear man, when You made the heavens?
Why should I be afraid when You put the stars in place?
Why should I lose heart when I know how great You are?
Why should I give up when Your plans are full of love?

In this world we will have trouble but You have overcome the world

Chorus:

You shine brighter than the brightest star;
Your love, purer than the purest heart;
You shine, filling us with courage and strength
To follow You.

(Repeat Song)
(Repeat 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

Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity;
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

Chorus:

So, with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live out His word;
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy, and weep with those who mourn;
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

(Chorus)

Da da da...

Oh how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives;
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son, with the Father, and the Spirit.

(Chorus)

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.