

# Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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## Preservice Song

## *Grave Robber*

I used to live like a rebel, didn't wanna behave.  
Thought a wretch like me couldn't ever be saved.  
But everything changed. I remember the day  
When I heard Him calling my name.

Like a thief in the night, He snuck in, took my life.  
I was dead, now I'm alive and singing.

### *Chorus:*

I got stolen by the grave robber. Picked me up from that rock bottom,  
Washed my soul in that Holy water, brought me back to life.  
One more stone rolled away, one more sinner been saved by grace.  
This dead man, he ain't dead no longer.  
All because of that grave robber.

Maybe you're the one thinking that you'll never be right.  
Even though your mamma praying for you every night.  
Praying Jesus gonna find you and open your eyes.  
Well maybe right now's that time.

Like a thief in the night, He'll sneak in, take your life.  
That resurrection gonna have you singing.

### *(Chorus)*

Taking my sin, taking my shame, breaking my soul out of these chains.  
I'm a dead man living and God did it.  
Taking my sin, taking my shame, breaking my soul out of these chains.  
I've been forgiven and God did it.

I got stolen by the grave robber. Picked me up from that rock bottom,  
Washed my soul in that Holy water, brought me back to life.

### *(Chorus)*

All because of that grave robber. All because of that grave robber.

## Welcome and Announcements

## ❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering Song

*Bring Forth the Kingdom*

W&P 22

You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the kingdom of God!

**Refrain:** Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the city of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the kingdom of God!  
**(Refrain)**

You are a seed of the word, O people: Bring forth the kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God!  
**(Refrain)**

We are a blest and a pilgrim people: Bound for the kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland: Love is the kingdom of God!  
**(Refrain)**

### Confession and Forgiveness

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our ✝ Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?"

I answered, "O Lord God, you know."



<sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”

<sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 104:24-31

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

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,**

**living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you**

**to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified;**

**when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

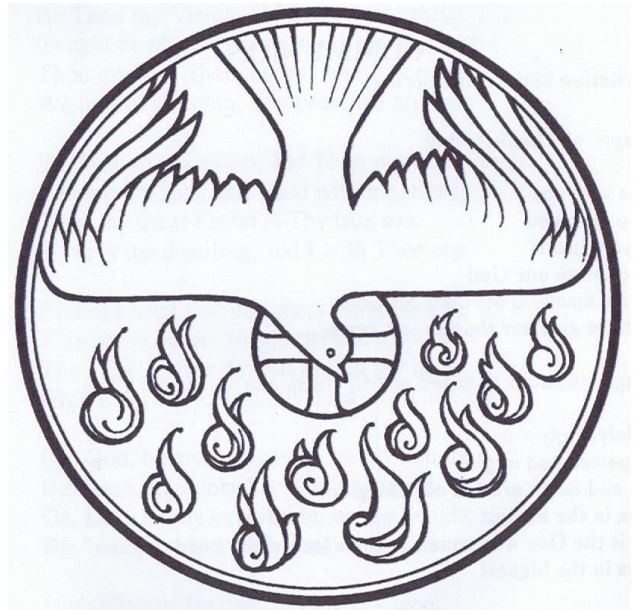
<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;**

**O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

## Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

L A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other



languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

<sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

“Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: <sup>7</sup>‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

*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>26</sup> I will send a great Helper to you from the Father, one known as the Spirit of truth. He comes from the Father and will point to the truth as it concerns Me. <sup>27</sup> But you will also point others to the truth about My identity, because you have journeyed with Me since this all began.

It was not important for Me to give you this information in the beginning when I was with you. <sup>5</sup> But now, I am going to the One who has sent Me, and none of you ask Me, “Where are You going?”

<sup>6</sup> I know that hearing news like this is overwhelming and sad. <sup>7</sup> But the truth is that My departure will be a gift that will serve you well, because if I don’t leave, the great Helper will not come to your aid. When I leave, I will send Him to you. <sup>8-9</sup> When He arrives, He will uncover the sins of the world, expose unbelief as sin, and allow all to see their sins in the light of righteousness for the first time. <sup>10</sup> This new awareness of righteousness is important because I am going to the Father and will no longer be present with you. <sup>11</sup> The Spirit will also carry My judgment because the one who rules in this world has already been defeated.

<sup>12</sup> I have so much more to say, but you cannot absorb it right now. <sup>13-15</sup> The Spirit of truth will come and guide you in all truth. He will not speak His own words to you; He will speak what He hears, revealing to you the things to come and bringing glory to Me. The Spirit has unlimited access to Me, to all that I possess and know, just as everything the Father has is Mine. That is the reason I am confident He will care for My own and reveal the path to you.



P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

### Song of the Day      *O Spirit All-Embracing*

O Spirit all-embracing and counselor all-wise,  
Unbounded splendor gracing a shoreless sea of skies:  
Unfailing is your treasure, unfading your reward;  
Surpassing worldly pleasure, the riches you afford.  
Come, stream of endless flowing, and rescue us from death;  
Come, wind of springtime blowing, and warm us by your breath.  
O Beauty ever blazing in flower, field, and face,  
You show yourself amazing in unexpected place.  
We see you and remember what once our dreams had been;  
You fan the glowing ember and kindle hope within.  
Come, fire of glory gracious, bless all who trust in you;  
Undying flame tenacious, burn in your church anew.  
  
Come, passion's power holy, your insight here impart,  
And give your servants lowly an understanding heart  
To know your care more clearly when faith and love are tried,  
To seek you more sincerely when false ideals have died;  
For vision we implore you, for wisdom's pure delight;  
In prayer we come before you to wait upon your light.

### Prayers of the People

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.

*Before the Prayer:*

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love,  
 let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
 Oh, let him have the things that hold you,  
 and his Spirit like a Dove  
 will descend upon your life and make you whole.

*After the Prayer:*

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.  
 Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

- 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]  
 P Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the  
 prayers of our hearts, 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](http://www.oslc-warrenton.org) by clicking  
 the "DONATE" tab on the homepage. Thank you!*

**Offertory Song***Here Is Bread***ELW483, Verse 1 & Refrain**

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
 Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
 In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.  
 In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

## Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

C God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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 at the Table

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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      *Let There Be Wonder*

Let this place be an upper room  
Where Your people learn to wait.  
Let this house become holy ground  
Where Your children watch and pray.  
O, remind us today, we are people of Your presence.

*Chorus:*

Let there be wonder,  
Let there be wonder in this place.  
Let there be worship,  
Let there be worship for Your name.  
Come, Holy Spirit, how we need Your fire again.  
Let there be wonder,  
Let there be wonder. (in this place)  
We're in awe, and we fear Your name,  
But we will not be afraid.  
For the King in His holiness  
Is our Father and our friend.  
O, remind us today, we are people of Your presence.

Is He not the God who parted the sea?  
Is He not the One who heals our disease?  
Is He not the source of all that we need?  
You're all that we need.  
Is He not the God who emptied the grave?  
Is He not the One who breaks ev'ry chain?  
Is He not the hope still with us today?  
You're with us today.

*(Chorus)*

Let there be wonder, oh, in this place.  
Come, Holy Spirit, how we need Your fire again.  
Come, Holy Spirit, how we need Your fire again.

## Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### Blessing

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C Amen.

### Sending Song      *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

#### *Refrain:*

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,  
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke.

#### *(Refrain)*

All around me looks so fine,  
Asked my Lord if all was mine.

#### *(Refrain)*

Jordan river, chilly and cold,  
Chills the body but not the soul.

#### *(Refrain)*

### Dismissal

L Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



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**Thanksgiving at the Table:** *With One Voice*