

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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The Holy Trinity + Year B

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Preservice Song *Thrive*

Oh. Oh.

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died,
Like a tree planted by the water,
We never will run dry.

Pre-Chorus:

So, living water flowing through,
God, we thirst for more of You.
Fill our hearts, and flood our souls
With one desire:

Chorus:

Just to know You, and to make You known.
We lift Your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more
Than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive:
We were made to thrive.

Into Your Word we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart.
Into the world we're reaching out
To show them who You are.

(Pre-Chorus, Chorus)

Joy unspeakable, Faith unsinkable,
Love unstoppable, Anything is possible.

(Repeat 2X, Chorus)

Oh. Oh.

We were made to thrive.

Welcome and Announcements

❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering Song *How Majestic is Your Name* W&P66

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
O Lord, we praise your name.
O Lord, we magnify your name,
Prince of Peace, mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our provider,

C help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.

P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant 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.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

❧ WORD ❧

Children's Message

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

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

L A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice

of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Apostles’ Creed

L Let us profess our faith in God the Trinity, using the same words that are used in baptism - the Apostles’ Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gospel: John 3:1-17

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: Nicodemus was one of the Pharisees, a man with some clout among his people. ² He came to Jesus under the cloak of darkness to question Him.

Nicodemus: Teacher, some of us have been talking. You are obviously a teacher who has come from God. The signs You are doing are proof that God is with You.

Jesus: ³ I tell you the truth: only someone who experiences birth for a second time^[a] can *hope to see the kingdom of God.*

Nicodemus: ⁴ *I am a grown man.* How can someone be born again when he is old *like me?* Am I to crawl back into my mother's womb for a second birth? *That's impossible!*

Jesus: ⁵ I tell you the truth, if someone does not experience water and Spirit birth, there's no chance he will make it into God's kingdom. ⁶ *Like from like.* Whatever is born from flesh is flesh; whatever is born from Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Don't be shocked by My words, *but I tell you the truth.* Even you, *an educated and respected man among your people,* must be reborn *by the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God.* ⁸ The wind^[b] blows all around us as if it has a will of its own; we *feel and* hear it, but we do not understand where it has come from or where it will end up. Life in the Spirit is as if it were the wind of God.

Nicodemus: ⁹ I still do not understand how this can be.

Jesus: ¹⁰ Your responsibility is to instruct Israel *in matters of faith,* but you do not comprehend *the necessity of life in the Spirit?* ¹¹ I tell you the truth: we speak about the things we know, and we give evidence about the things we have seen, and you choose to reject *the truth of our witness.* ¹² If you do not believe when I talk to you about ordinary, earthly realities, then heavenly realities will certainly elude you. ¹³ No one has ever journeyed to heaven above except the One who has come down from heaven—the Son of Man, who is of heaven. ¹⁴ Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness. In the same way, the Son of Man must be lifted up; ¹⁵ then all those who believe in Him will experience everlasting life.

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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*.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day

We Believe

In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear,
There is only one foundation: we believe, we believe.
In this broken generation, when all is dark, You help us see.
There is only one salvation; we believe, we believe.

Refrain:

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again.
We believe.

So, let our faith be more than anthems,
greater than the songs we sing,
And in our weakness and temptations we believe, we believe!
(Refrain 2x)

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 by clicking
 the "DONATE" tab on the homepage. Thank you!*

Offertory***Doxology (Old 100th)***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise Him, all creatures here below.
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Amen, amen, amen, amen.

Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

C **Jesus, Bread of life,**
you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
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, blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit: at the dawn of time you conquered chaos to create a world of harmony, in which the plants and animals, the seas and stars, sang your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to defeat the power of evil and restore what you had made.

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 acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from

the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life,
your Son.

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

Holy Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.
God in three persons blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, we cry holy. Holy, we cry holy.
Holy, we cry holy.

Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

Blessing

L The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

Sending Song

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. (*Refrain*)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. (*Refrain*)

Dismissal

L Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

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