

# Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



Lion panel from Nebuchadnezzar's throne room

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## ❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering Song

*Awesome God*

W&P13

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, pow'r, and love - Our God is an awesome God! (repeat)

Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God!

### Welcome and Announcements

### 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.

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## ✿ WORD ✿

### Children's Message

*Children come forward as we sing "This Little Light of Mine".*

### First Reading: Daniel selections from chapters 1 and 3. *The Voice*

L A reading from the book of Daniel.

**Narrator:** Now it happened during the third year of King Jehoiakim's reign over Judah, *the armies of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon marched against him and laid siege to Jerusalem, Judah's capital. ...*

<sup>3</sup> *After the king returned home, he commanded Ashpenaz, chief of the royal eunuchs, to bring some of the Israelites who had been taken captive to the palace. These included members of Judah's royal family and the nobility. <sup>4</sup> He was looking for potential candidates from the exiles to serve in his court....*

<sup>6</sup> *From among Judah's exiles, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were selected. <sup>7</sup> [He] gave them Babylonian names to signify their new identities in a foreign place: Daniel he renamed Belteshazzar; Hananiah, Shadrach; Mishael, Meshach; and Azariah, Abednego. ...*

<sup>3:1</sup> *One day King Nebuchadnezzar ordered his craftsmen to make a statue plated with gold that was 90 feet high and nine feet wide.*

*When finished, it was set up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon, <sup>2-3</sup> and King Nebuchadnezzar planned an elaborate ceremony to dedicate the statue. He sent out invitations to his officials. At the appointed time, his officers, prefects, governors, trusted advisors, treasury officials, judges, magistrates, and all the rest of his provincial leaders arrived and gathered near the statue for the dedication ceremony.*

**Herald (shouting):** <sup>4</sup> People of all nations and languages: *by order of the king, you are commanded* <sup>5</sup> to bow down and worship the golden statue erected by King Nebuchadnezzar every time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, lute, harp, pipe, and all the other musical instruments. <sup>6</sup> Anyone who does not *obey the king's command and refuses to bow and worship* will be taken immediately and thrown into a furnace of blazing fire.

**Narrator:** <sup>7</sup> So, *on cue*, the moment all the people in the crowd heard the sound of the musical instruments...all of the people, regardless of their heritage, nationality, or language, bowed down and worshiped the golden statue erected by King Nebuchadnezzar.

<sup>8</sup> Meanwhile, certain Chaldean leaders stepped forward to make accusations against the Jews.

**Chaldeans:** <sup>9</sup> Long live the king! ...<sup>12</sup> *It has come to our attention that certain Jews whom you appointed to govern in the province of Babylon are ignoring your order, O king. They refuse to serve your gods, our gods, and they do not fall and worship the golden statue you erected. Their names: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.*

**Narrator:** <sup>13</sup> When Nebuchadnezzar heard this, he flew into a rage and ordered that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought

in *for questioning*; so his officials *went out, found them, and* brought these men before the king.

**Nebuchadnezzar:** <sup>14</sup> *It is reported to me* that you, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, refuse to serve my gods and do not *bow and* worship the golden statue I had set up. Is that true? <sup>15</sup> If you are ready to *comply with my order and* fall down and worship the statue I have made when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, lute, harp, pipe, and all the other musical instruments, then things will go well for you from here. But if you refuse to worship, you will be taken immediately and thrown in a furnace of blazing fire. What god could possibly rescue you from my hands then?

**Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego:** <sup>16</sup> Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to defend our actions in this matter. *We are ready for the test.* <sup>17</sup> If you throw us into the blazing furnace, then the God we serve is able to rescue us from a furnace of blazing fire and release us from your power, Your Majesty. <sup>18</sup> But even if He does not, O king, you can be sure that we *still* will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue you erected.

**Narrator:** <sup>19</sup> At this Nebuchadnezzar flew into such a rage at Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that *onlookers* saw his face twisted and distorted. *With fury burning in his eyes,* he ordered the furnace heated up seven times hotter than usual. <sup>20</sup> He commanded some of his strongest soldiers to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego so they could be thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>21</sup> So the Jews were taken and tied up so quickly that they were still wearing the clothes they had on *when they arrived*—pants, cloaks, hats, and all. Then they were *picked up and* thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>22</sup> The furnace was so hot and the king's command carried out so quickly, *without any precautions,* that the soldiers who took Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego *up to the furnace* were themselves killed by *the heat of* the raging fire. <sup>23</sup> And the three Jews, Shadrach,

Meshach, and Abednego, tied *and bound*, fell into the furnace of blazing fire.

**Narrator:** <sup>24</sup> *Nebuchadnezzar could hardly believe his eyes.* Shocked, the king jumped up and asked his advisors,

**Nebuchadnezzar:** Didn't we tie up and throw three men into the heart of the fire?

**Advisors:** Yes, O king.

**Nebuchadnezzar:** <sup>25</sup> Then why do I see four men, completely unbound, walking around in the middle of the fire? They don't appear to be hurt at all. And the fourth . . . he appears to be like a son of the gods.

**Narrator:** <sup>26</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar moved as close to the door of the furnace *as he dared without being scorched*. He shouted over the roar of the blazing fire.

**Nebuchadnezzar:** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, *right now*. Come here!

**Narrator:** So the three men made their way out of the fiery *furnace*.

<sup>27</sup> The officers, prefects, governors, and king's advisors moved closer to see *what had happened* to these men. *They, too, could hardly believe their eyes.* The fire had done nothing to harm these men. Their hair was not singed. Their clothes were not scorched. They didn't have the faintest smell of smoke on them.

**Nebuchadnezzar:** <sup>28</sup> Praise is certainly due the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego *today*. He sent His heavenly representative and rescued His servants who put their trust in Him. They *had the audacity* to disobey the king's order and surrendered their bodies *to the fire* rather than serve and worship any god other than their own God.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**Gospel: Matthew 22:36-40**

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.*

**P** The holy gospel according to Luke.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup>‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ <sup>37</sup>[Jesus] said to [the lawyer], “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: “‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Song of the Day**

***Your Will Be Done***

Your will be done, my God and Father  
As in heaven, so on earth.  
My heart is drawn to self-exalting,  
Help me seek Your kingdom first.  
As Jesus walked, so shall I walk  
Held by Your same unchanging love.  
Be still my soul, O lift your voice and pray,  
“Father, not my will, but Yours be done.”

How in that garden he persisted,  
I may never fully know.  
The fearful weight of true obedience,  
It was held by him alone.  
What wondrous faith to bear that cross!  
To bear my sin, what wondrous love!  
My hope was sure when there my Saviour prayed:  
“Father, not my will, but Yours be done.”

When I am lost, when I am broken,  
In the night of fear and doubt.  
Still I will trust in my good Father,  
Yes, to one great King I bow!  
As Jesus rose, so I shall rise  
In ransomed glory at the throne.  
My heart restored with all Your saints I sing:  
“Father, not my will, but Yours be done.”

As we go forth, our God and Father,  
Lead us daily in the fight.  
That all the world might see Your glory  
And Your Name be lifted high.  
And in this Name we overcome,  
For You shall see us safely home.  
Now as Your church, we lift our voice and pray:  
“Father, not my will, but Yours be done.”

And in this Name we overcome,  
For You shall see us safely home.  
Now as Your church, we lift our voice and pray:  
“Father, not my will, but Yours be done.”  
“Father, not my will, but Yours be done.”  
“Father, not my will, but Yours be done.”

### **Prayers of the People**

P Beloved, let us lift prayers to our friend, Jesus, either out loud or in silence. Before and after we pray, we sing together.

**Prayer Song**

***What a Friend We Have in Jesus***

**ELW742  
Verse 1**

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!



*Ideas for prayers to share:  
Who needs the healing touch of Jesus?  
How do you need help following God's good commands?  
Are you thankful for anything? Share it!*

**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

### *Come to the Table*

**ELW481**

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread.  
All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed.  
Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand.  
Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

### 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, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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    *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

#### **Chorus:**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face.  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.

O soul, are you weary and troubled,  
no light in the darkness you see.  
There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free.

Through death into life everlasting,  
He passed and we follow Him there.  
Over us sin no more hath dominion, for more than conquerors we are.

#### **(Chorus)**

His word shall not fail you, He promised.  
Believe Him and all will be well.  
Then, go to a world that is dying. His perfect salvation to tell.

#### **(Chorus)**

Oh turn your, Oh turn your, oh turn your eyes upon Jesus.

#### **(Repeat)**

### 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

*Go In Peace and Serve the Lord*

W&P46

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today.  
Go and tell gospel news ev'rywhere.  
Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is calling you today  
To bring truth and love to ev'ry nation.  
*(repeat)*

### Dismissal

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

C Thanks be to God.

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