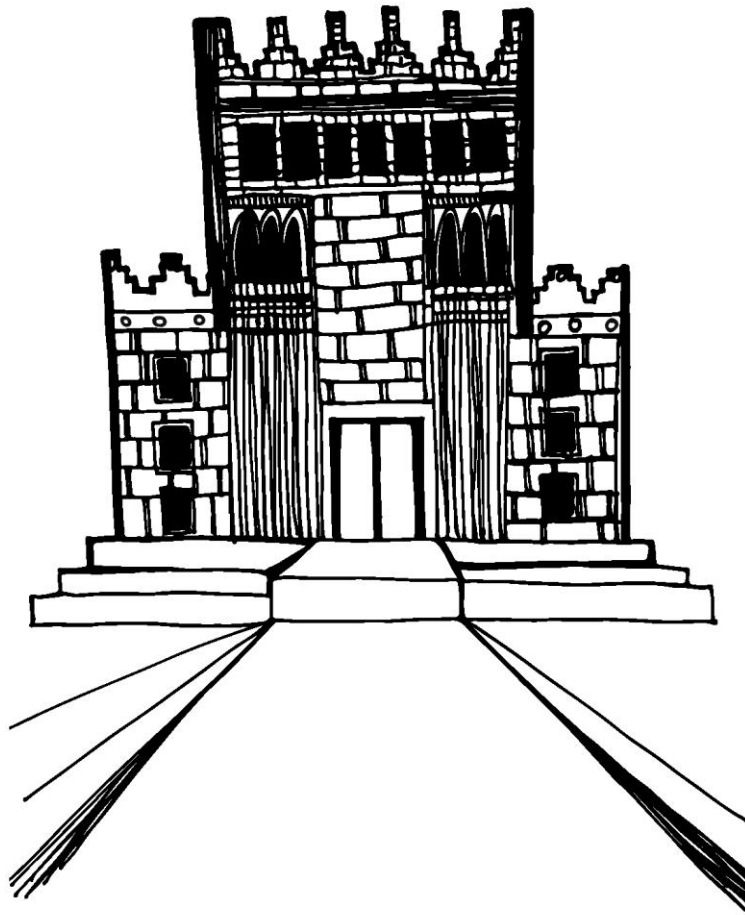


# Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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## ❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering Song

*King of Kings*

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King of kings and Lord of lords: glory, hallelujah.  
King of kings and Lord of lords: glory, hallelujah.  
Jesus, Prince of Peace: glory, hallelujah.  
Jesus, Prince of Peace: glory, hallelujah.  
*(Repeat song)*

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Confession and Forgiveness

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all 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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, 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: Ezra 1: 1-6

L A reading from the book of Ezra.

In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in order that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom, and also in a written edict declared:

<sup>2</sup>“Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah. <sup>3</sup>Any of those among you who are of his people—may their God be with them! —are now permitted to go up to Jerusalem in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem; <sup>4</sup>and let all survivors, in whatever place they reside, be assisted by the people of their place with silver and gold, with goods and with animals, besides freewill offerings for the house of God in Jerusalem.”

<sup>5</sup>The heads of the families of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites—everyone whose spirit God had stirred—got ready to go up

and rebuild the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>All their neighbors aided them with silver vessels, with gold, with goods, with animals, and with valuable gifts, besides all that was freely offered. <sup>7</sup>King Cyrus himself brought out the vessels of the house of the Lord that Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods.

**Gospel: John 2:14-24**

**P** The holy gospel according to Saint John.

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

**Narrator:** <sup>14</sup> *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. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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:** <sup>17</sup> *The disciples were astounded*, but they remembered that the Hebrew Scriptures said, "Jealous devotion for God's house consumes me."<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>18</sup> 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:** <sup>19</sup> *You want a sign? Here it is.* Destroy this temple, and I will rebuild it in 3 days.

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

**Narrator:**     <sup>21</sup> The true temple was His body. <sup>22</sup> 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.

<sup>23</sup> During the Passover feast in Jerusalem, *the crowds were watching Jesus closely*; and many began to believe in Him because of the signs He was doing. <sup>24-25</sup> But Jesus saw through to the heart of humankind, and He chose not to give them what they requested. He didn't need anyone to prove to Him the character of humanity. He knew what man was made of.

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

## Sermon

### Song of the Day                   *House of the Lord*

We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is.  
We worship the God who evermore will be.  
He opened the prison doors. He parted the raging sea.  
My God, He holds the victory.

#### ***Chorus:***

There's joy in the house of the Lord.  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.  
And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.  
There's joy in the house of the Lord.  
Our God is surely in this place.  
And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.

We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves.  
We sing to the God who always makes a way.  
'Cause He hung up on that cross then He rose up from that grave.  
My God's still rolling stones away.

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

We were the beggars. Now we're royalty.  
We were the prisoners. Now we're running free.  
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.  
*(Chorus)*

### 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

*You Are My Hiding Place*

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You are my hiding place;  
you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.  
Whenever I am afraid I will trust in you,  
I will trust in you.  
Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

*The prayers conclude with:*

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.*

You are my hiding place;  
you always fill my heart with songs of deliverance.  
Whenever I am afraid I will trust in you,  
I will trust in you.  
Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord,  
I will trust in you."

❧ 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.

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**Offertory**                                 ***For Your Glory***       ***(Pre-Chorus & Chorus)***

This is our offering to You, this is our offering.  
Ev'rything I am is for Your glory, ev'rything I am for You, Lord,  
Ev'rything I am is for Your glory, ev'rything I am for You, Lord.

**Offering Prayer**

- L Let us pray together.  
C **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior 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 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**

#### ***As For Me***

Your love, oh Lord, is strength to my soul,  
Hope for tomorrow, it won't let go.  
Your presence is the joy of my life.  
To You I lift my eyes.



***Chorus:***

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.  
We will sing of Your love forevermore.  
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,  
Serve the Lord.

Your word alone, a lamp to my feet,  
A light to my path as You're leading me.  
Your ways, oh Lord, are higher than mine.  
To You I lift my eyes.

***Bridge:***

Open up every door, Write it on every wall,  
Sing it in every room.

***(Repeat)***

***(Chorus)***

***(Bridge)***

**Prayer After Communion**

L Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

**✻ SENDING ✻**

**Blessing**

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

## Sending Song

## *Victory In Jesus*

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me.  
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning,  
then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

### *Refrain:*

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!  
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood.  
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him.  
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing pow'r revealing,  
How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see.  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

### *(Refrain)*

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory,  
And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story;  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

### *(Refrain)*

## 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*