

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering Song *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

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You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain:

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.

You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working. (*Refrain*)

You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary--
a love that's willing to go on loving. (*Refrain*)

You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. (*Refrain*)

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.
Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, 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: Exodus 1:1, 6-10, 15-22; 2:1-10

L A reading from the book of Exodus.

Narrator:1 These are the names of Israel’s sons—the ones who *traveled from Canaan and* entered into Egypt with Jacob *during the great famine*. Each of these men arrived in Egypt with his family:

⁶ Joseph died, and so did all of his brothers. It was not long before that entire generation was gone. ⁷ But the people of Israel were prolific; they had children easily, and their numbers increased rapidly. As their numbers grew so did their strength. Eventually, they filled the land.

⁸ *One day*, a new king came to power *and ruled* over Egypt, but this king had no knowledge of Joseph.

Pharaoh: *(to some of his advisors):* ⁹ Look! There are more Israelites than ever before, and they are *growing* more powerful than we are. ¹⁰ We need to be careful in our dealings with them. Otherwise, they may grow even greater in number, and in a time of war join forces with our enemies, fight against us, and then leave the land.

Narrator: ¹⁵ *Pharaoh*, Egypt's king, called for *some of* the Hebrew midwives. Their names were Shiphrah and Puah.

Pharaoh: ¹⁶ *Listen closely.* Whenever you are looking after a Hebrew woman who is in labor and ready to deliver, if she gives birth to a son, then kill the baby. If it is a daughter, then allow her to live.

Narrator: ¹⁷ But the midwives respected God *more than they feared Pharaoh*, so they did not carry out the Egyptian king's command. Instead, they let all the boys live. ¹⁸ When Egypt's king heard this news, he sent for the midwives.

Pharaoh: Why have you disobeyed my orders and allowed the boys to live?

Midwives: ¹⁹ Because unlike Egyptian women, Hebrew women are *hearty and energetic*, and they give birth before the midwife arrives to help.

Narrator: ²⁰ God was good to the midwives, and *under their care* the Israelite women had many more children. *Despite Pharaoh's orders*, the people of Israel became stronger and more powerful. ²¹ Because the midwives respected God, He blessed them with families of their own. ²² In response *to the rapid growth in the Hebrew population*, Pharaoh issued a command to his people.

Pharaoh: Every boy who is born *to the Hebrews* must be thrown into the Nile, and every girl is to be left alive.

Narrator: ² *One day* a man and woman—both from the tribe of Levi—married. ² She became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that her son was *healthy and beautiful*, *she feared for his safety*; so she kept him hidden from view for three whole months. ³ When she could no longer keep him hidden away, she took a basket made of reeds, sealed it with tar and pitch, and placed her

baby boy in it. Then she wedged the basket among the reeds along the edge of the Nile River.

⁴ *All the while*, the child's sister watched from a distance to see what might happen to her baby brother.

⁵ *Later on* Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river while her young attendants walked along the bank *nearby*. Pharaoh's daughter noticed the basket *wedged* among the reeds *and wondered what it might contain*. So she instructed her maid to bring it to her. ⁶ When Pharaoh's daughter opened the basket, she found the baby boy. He was crying, and her heart melted with compassion.

Pharaoh's Daughter: This is a Hebrew child.

Child's Sister (*coming out of her hiding place*): ⁷ Would you like me to find a Hebrew woman to nurse the child for you?

Pharaoh's Daughter: ⁸ All right. *Go find a nurse*.

Narrator: So the baby's sister went and fetched his mother. *The boy's mother approached Pharaoh's daughter*.

Pharaoh's Daughter (*to the child's mother*): ⁹ *Here!* Take this child and nurse him for me, and I will pay you *for your services*.

Narrator: So the woman took the child—*who was secretly her own son*—and nursed him *just as Pharaoh's daughter had instructed*. ¹⁰ The boy grew, and *when the time was right*, the woman brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she adopted him as her own. She named him Moses because, *as she explained*, "I took him out of the water."

Gospel: John 3:3-5

P The holy gospel according to Saint John.

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

Jesus [*said to Nicodemus*], 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Song of the Day

O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place!

O Lord of hosts, how lovely is Your dwelling place!
I cry aloud, I long for your abode;
The joys of earth have left my soul unsatisfied:
My heart and flesh desire the living God.
Within your walls the sparrow finds a nesting place,
That near your altars she may have her young:
How happy those who dwell within your house, O Lord,
By whom your holy praises are forever sung!

How happy those who have in you the strength they need,
And in whose heart are Zion's pathways found!
The desert wastes they make a land of water-springs,
Till autumn rains refresh the barren ground.
From strength to strength they journey on their pilgrimage,
Until in God's own presence they appear:
O Lord of hosts, do good to your anointed one;
Receive my earnest prayer: O God of Jacob, hear!

How better, far, a single day within your courts,
Than thousands spent in any other way;
I'd rather wait upon the steps beside your door
Than pitch my tent where wickedness holds sway.
For like a shield the Lord defends and covers us;
He give us grace and crowns with glory took
And nothing good withholds from those that walk aright:
O Lord of Hosts, how happy all who trust in You!

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.

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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 Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering
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 homepage. Thank you!*

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 **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 and blood (in the forms of bread and wine). If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand or kneel around the altar.

Communion Song

Abide

For my waking breath, for my daily bread
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

You're the way, the truth and the life,
You're the well that never runs dry.
I'm the branch and You are the vine.
Draw me close and teach me to abide.

Where the Spirit leads, as I'm following
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For the victories still in front of me
I depend on You, I depend on You.

Chorus:

You're the way the truth and the life
You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine
Draw me close and teach me to abide
Be my strength, my song in the night.
Be my all, my treasure my prize.
I am Yours, forever You're mine.
Draw me close and teach me to abide.

When I pass through death, As I enter rest,
I depend on You, I depend on You.
For eternal life, to be raised with Christ,
I depend on You, I depend on You.

(Chorus)

Oh. Would you teach me, would You teach me to abide?

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

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

C Amen.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
 Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 Thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tow'r,
 Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
 Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
 Thou and thou only the first in my heart,
 Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

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*

