

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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"Hidden Stories of the Bible" Summer Series

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❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering Song

As We Gather

As we gather, may Your Spirit work within us.
As we gather, may we glorify Your name.
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship,
We'll be blessed because we came,
We'll be blessed because we came.

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.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, 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: Acts 12:1-17

L A reading from the book of Acts.

Narrator: *12 Back in Jerusalem, hard times came to the disciples. King Herod violently seized some who belonged to the church with the intention of mistreating them. ² He ordered James (brother of John) to be executed by the sword, the first of those appointed as emissaries to be martyred. ³ This move pleased Jewish public opinion, so he decided to arrest Peter also. During the holy festival of Unleavened Bread, ⁴ he caught Peter and imprisoned him, assigning four squads of soldiers to guard him. He planned to bring him to trial publicly after the Passover holiday.*

⁵ During Peter's imprisonment, the church prayed constantly and intensely to God for his safety. ⁶ Their prayers were not answered, until the night before Peter's execution.

Picture this event: Peter is sound asleep between two soldiers, double-chained, with still more guards outside the prison door watching for external intruders. ⁷ Suddenly the cell fills with light: it is a

messenger of the Lord manifesting himself. He taps Peter on the side, awakening him.

Messenger of the Lord: Get up, quickly.

Narrator: The chains fall off Peter's wrists.

Messenger of the Lord: ⁸ Come on! Put on your belt. Put on your sandals.

Narrator: Peter puts them on *and just stands there*.

Messenger of the Lord: Pull your cloak over your shoulders. *Come on!* Follow me!

Narrator: ⁹ Peter does so, but he is completely dazed. He doesn't think this is really happening—he assumes he is dreaming or having a vision. ¹⁰ They pass the first guard. They pass the second guard. They come to the iron gate that opens to the city. The gate swings open for them on its own, and they walk into a lane. Suddenly the messenger disappears.

¹¹ Peter finally realized all that had really happened.

Peter: *Amazing!* The Lord has sent His messenger to rescue me from Herod and the public spectacle *of my execution* which the Jews fully expected.

Narrator: ¹² Peter immediately rushed over to the home of a woman named Mary. (Mary's son, John Mark, *would eventually become an important associate of the apostles.*) A large group had gathered there to pray *for Peter and his safety*. ¹³ He knocked at the outer gate; and a maid, Rhoda, answered. ¹⁴ She recognized Peter's voice, but she was so overcome with excitement that she left him standing on the street and ran inside to tell everyone.

Rhoda: *Our prayers were answered!* Peter is at the front gate!

Praying Believers: ¹⁵ *Rhoda, you're crazy!*

Rhoda: *No! Peter's out there! I'm sure of it!*

Praying Believers: Well, maybe it's his *guardian angel or something*.

Narrator: ¹⁶ All this time, Peter was still out in the street, knocking on the gate. *Finally* they came and let him in. *Of course*, the disciples were stunned, *and everyone was talking at once*. ¹⁷ Peter motioned for them to quiet down and then told them the amazing story of how the Lord engineered his escape.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 22:31-34

P The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[And the Lord Jesus said to Simon Peter] “Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, ³²but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” ³³And he said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!” ³⁴Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the

Be Thou My Vision

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Verses 1, 2, 4

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.

Light of my soul, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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

W&P160

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.

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

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

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Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Open to the seed of Your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
Where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on Your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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.

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

Now It Is Evening

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Now it is evening:

Lights of the city bid us remember Christ is our light.

Many are lonely, who will be neighbor?

Where there is caring, Christ is our light.

Now it is evening:

Food on the table bids us remember Christ is our life.

Many are hungry, who will be neighbor?

Where there is sharing, Christ is our life.

Now it is evening:

Little ones sleeping bid us remember Christ is our peace.

Some are neglected, who will be neighbor?

Where there is caring, Christ is our peace.

Now it is evening:

Here in our meeting may we remember Christ is our friend.

Some may be strangers, who will be neighbor?

Where there's a welcome, Christ is our friend.

Dismissal

L Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
C Thanks be to God.

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