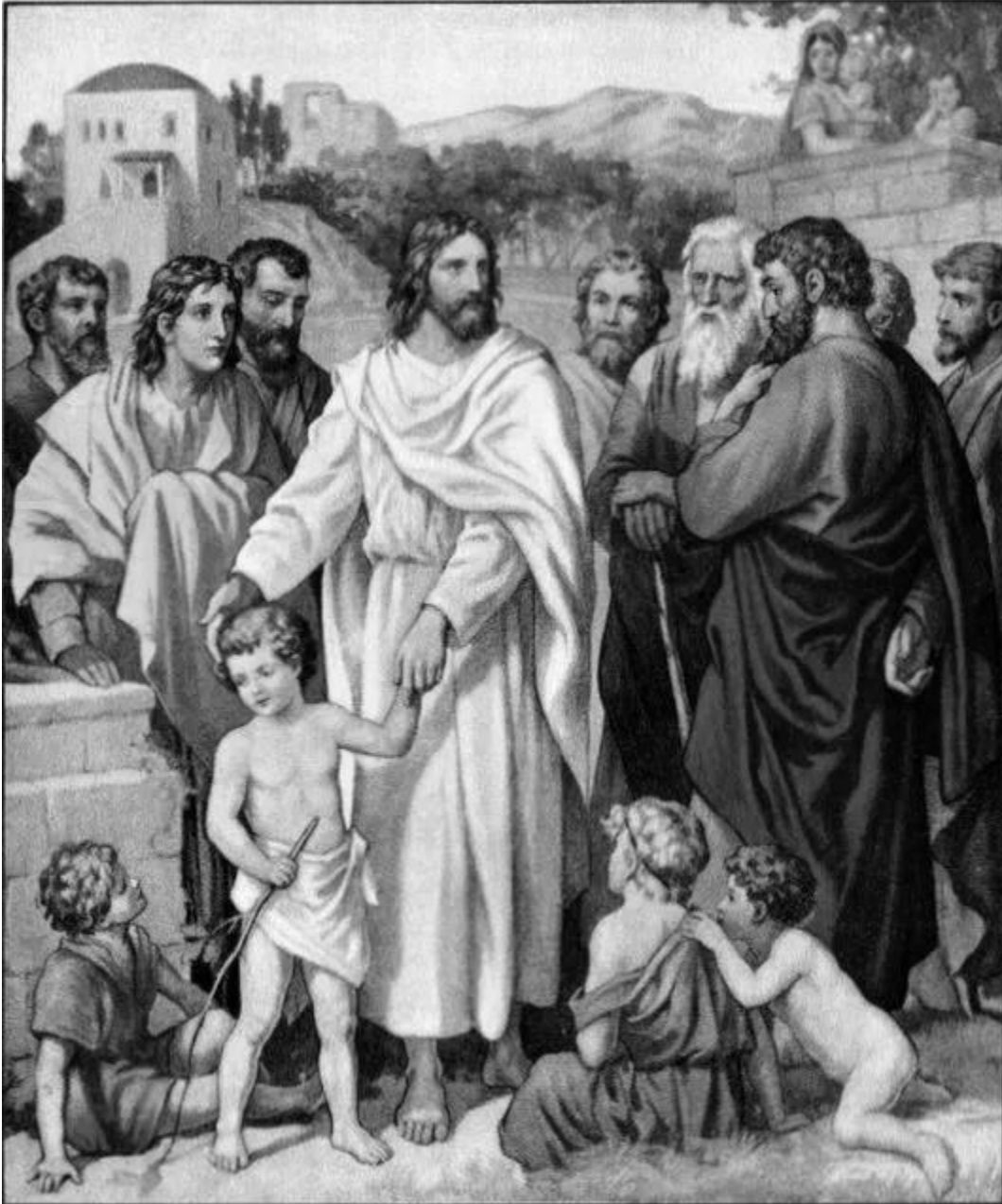


Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



**Saturday Worship + 5:30pm + 21 September 2024
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The G.O.A.T. Connections

1 Jordan	2 I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry	3 Nebuchadnezzar II	4 Crazy
5 Hammurabi	6 Mansa Musa	7 James	8 Hatshepsut
9 Augustus Caesar	10 Kareem	11 I Walk the Line	12 Emperor Shenzong
13 Jolene	14 Ramses II	15 Akbar I	16 Russell

How to play Connections:

Find four groups of four words that share something in common.

Connection Group 1				
Connection Group 2				
Connection Group 3				
Connection Group 4				

The solution is on the page 15.

❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering Song

All Are Welcome

ELW641

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a home where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

(Refrain)

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

(Refrain)

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger:

(Refrain)

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
(Refrain)

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 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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants 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: Jeremiah 11:18-20

L A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹⁸It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54

L We will read the Psalm responsively. The congregation will read the sections in bold print.

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless
have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Second Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

L A reading from the book of James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in

disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

P The holy gospel according to Saint Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Narrator: ³⁰ When they left that place, they passed secretly through Galilee.

Jesus (*to the disciples as they traveled*): ³¹ The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of the people, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise on the third day.

Narrator: ³² But again they did not understand His meaning, and they were afraid to ask Him *for an explanation*.

³³ At last, they came to Capernaum where they gathered in a house.

Jesus: What was it I heard you arguing about along the way?

Narrator: ³⁴ They *looked down at the floor and* wouldn't answer, for they had been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest *of Jesus' disciples*.

³⁵ He sat down with the twelve to teach them.

Jesus: Whoever wants to be first must be last, and *whoever wants to be the greatest* must be the servant of all.

Narrator: ³⁶ He then called forward a child, set the child in the middle of them, and took the child in His arms.

Jesus: ³⁷ Whoever welcomes a child like this in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me is welcoming not Me, but the One who sent Me.

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

Sermon

Song of the Day *God Is Here* **ELW526, Verses 1-3**

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit; Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

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 *Healer of Our Every Ill* **ELW612 (Chorus)**

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

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.

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

☞ 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

Bless God

Come on and praise the Lord with me.
Sing if you love His name.

Come on and lift your voice with me.
He's worthy of all our praise.

Come on and bring your offering.
Sing if you've known His grace.

Come on and lift your holy hands.
He's worthy of all our praise.

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

On The Rock

I've found a firm place to stand
In the middle of life's sinking sand.
No trouble could ever steal me away
Or deep waters can drown out my faith.

Chorus:

On the rock that is higher,
Steady me forever on the rock that is higher than I.
I'm forever Yours, and You're my anchor, Lord,
On the rock that is higher than I.

You said to Your disciples
Before You went back to Heaven
That You'd be sending Your Spirit to us.
He's directed me,
He guides me, and He'll lead me into glory.
And He keeps me on the rock higher than I.

(Chorus)

You're keeping me from all alarms;
You're holding up my tired arms.
Lord, You are still higher than I.
Though doubts and fears may come my way,
I'll keep my mind on what You say,
'Cause You are still higher than I.
(Chorus)

I'm forever Yours, and You're my anchor, Lord,
On the rock that is higher than I.

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

There Is Power in the Blood

Would you be free from your burden of sin?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Refrain:

There is pow'r pow'r, wonder working pow'r
In the blood of the Lamb.
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder working pow'r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide.
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood. ***(Refrain)***

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Sin-stains are lost in its life-giving flow.
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood. ***(Refrain)***

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood. ***(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*

Connections Solution

The Greatest of All Time

Most Powerful Leaders(247wallst.com): 3, 5, 8, 14

3 King of Babylon from 605-562 BCE

-Conquered Syria, portions of Assyrian Empire and Jerusalem

5 Ruled ancient Babylon from 1792-1750 BCE

-His laws governing everyday life were used as models in subsequent civilizations.

8 Pharaoh of Egypt from 1473-1458 BCE

-One of history's first women leaders.

14 Pharaoh of Egypt from 1279-1213 BCE

-Expanded the empire toward modern-day Syria and Lebanon.

-Constant wars with the Hittite empire

Greatest Basketball Players (nytimes.com 2022):

1 Michael Jordan

7 LeBron James

10 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

16 Bill Russell

Richest People (money.com 2015): 6, 9, 12, 15

6 (1280-1337) King of Timbuktu (Mali)

-Largest producer of gold worldwide when gold was in demand.

-Mali is estimated to produce 1 ton of gold annually at that time.

9 (63BCE-14AD) Emperor of Roman Empire

-Personal wealth equivalent to \$4.6 trillion in 2014.

-Personally owned all of Egypt.

12 (1048-1085) Emperor of China's Song Dynasty

-Ruled empire with 25-30% of global GDP

15 (1542-1605), Emperor of India's Mughal dynasty

-Ruled empire with 25% of global GDP

Best Country Songs (rollingstone.com): 2, 4, 11, 13

2 by Hank Williams

4 by Patsy Cline

11 by Johnny Cash

13 by Dolly Parton