

# Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



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## ❧ GATHERING ❧

Gathering Song *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People* ELW519

Open your ears, O faithful people,  
open your ears and hear God's word.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,  
God has come to you.

**Refrain:** God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!  
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!  
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They who have ears to hear the message,  
they who have ears, now let them hear;  
They who would learn the way of wisdom,  
let them hear God's word.

**(Refrain)**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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** Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **WORD**

### **Children's Message**

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

### **FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

A reading from Nehemiah.

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the

people, and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup> Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup> So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord, and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Psalm: 19

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker’s handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> **One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup> **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the  
ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup> It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup> **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs  
about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup> The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup> **The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the  
eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,**

**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> **Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not  
get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup> **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

### **L A reading from 1 Corinthians**

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those

members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

P The holy gospel according to Saint Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

**Narrator:** Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Holy Spirit, and soon people across the region had heard news of Him. <sup>15</sup> He would regularly go into their synagogues and teach. His teaching earned Him the respect and admiration of everyone who heard Him.

<sup>16</sup> He eventually came to His hometown, Nazareth, and did there what He had done elsewhere *in Galilee*—entered the synagogue and stood up to read *from the Hebrew Scriptures*.

<sup>17</sup> The *synagogue attendant* gave Him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, and Jesus unrolled it to the place where Isaiah had written these words:

**Jesus:** <sup>18</sup> The Spirit of the Lord the Eternal One is on Me.

*Why?* Because the Eternal designated Me  
to be His representative to the poor,  
to preach good news to them.  
He sent Me to tell those who are held captive  
that they can now be set free,  
and to tell the blind that they can now see.  
He sent Me to liberate those held down by oppression.

<sup>19</sup> *In short, the Spirit is upon Me* to proclaim that now is the time;  
this is the jubilee season of the Eternal One's grace.<sup>[a]</sup>

**Narrator:** <sup>20</sup> Jesus rolled up the scroll and returned it to the synagogue attendant. Then He sat down, *as a teacher would do*, and all in the synagogue focused their attention on Jesus, *waiting for Him to speak*. <sup>21</sup> He told them that these words from the Hebrew Scriptures were being fulfilled then and there, in their hearing.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day      *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken.  
I'm accepted; You were condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me  
because You died and rose again.

**Chorus:**

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You.  
**(Repeat Chorus)**

In all I do I honor You.

You are my King, You are my King.

Jesus, You are my King.

Jesus, You are my King.

*(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

### *Silent Night*

Verse 4

Silent night, holy night;  
Wondrous star, lend thy light.  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

*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.*

## ❧ 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

## *What Feast of Love*

ELW 487, Verse 2

What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!

## Offering Prayer

L Let us pray together.

**C Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another  
and all in need, through 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 Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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 Hymn            *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)***

**Prayer After Communion**

L Let us pray.

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

**✠ SENDING ✠**

**Blessing**

L Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

**Refrain:**

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. **(Refrain)**

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. **(Refrain)**

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.  
**(Refrain)**

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. **(Refrain)**

**Dismissal**

- L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

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