# Our Saviour

# Lutheran Church



# Saturday Worship + 5:30 pm + 24 May 2025 The Sixth Sunday of Easter + Year C

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# 🛷 GATHERING 🧐

# Prelude

# Welcome and Announcements

# **Confession and Forgiveness**

P Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

Silence is kept for reflection.

C Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not remove us from your presence; do not take your Spirit away.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen

P God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. 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 sin, in the name of the Father, and of the ++Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render; oh, help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

#### Sharing the Peace

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

# Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. [Silence for reflection]

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# 🛯 WORD 🦻

#### Children's Message

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

#### FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

A reading from Acts.

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

<sup>13</sup>On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.

<sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

A The word of the Lord.

#### C Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 67

<sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup> Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup> The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

<sup>7</sup> May God give us blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

#### Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>10</sup> And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.<sup>22:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of

lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Gospel: John 5:1-9

- P The holy gospel according to Saint John.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. <sup>3</sup> In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. <sup>5</sup> One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

<sup>7</sup> The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me."

<sup>8</sup> Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." <sup>9</sup> At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath.

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

# Sermon

#### Baptized and Set Free

 We are people created, chosen by God.
 Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
 Sin has power no more.
 Jesus opened the door
 to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.

3 We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.

4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

#### Prayers of the People

P Beloved, let us lift prayers to our friend, Jesus, either out loud or in silence.

*The people may add their own petitions. The prayers conclude with:* 

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all those for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

# 🛯 MEAL 🦻

#### Sharing Our Gifts

A 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 Anthem** (instrumental)

#### **Offering Prayer**

- A Let us pray together.
- C Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those 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 O Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- 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 Music (instrumental)

# **Prayer After Communion**

A Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

# 🛭 SENDING 🦻

#### Blessing

- A 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.

#### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW # 807

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

# Dismissal

- A Alleluia. Christ is risen!
- C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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Thanksgiving at the Table: With One Voice