# Our Saviour

# **Lutheran Church**



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# **₩** GATHERING **№**

# **Gathering Song**

# Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us,
How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written.
Jesus Christ my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven.
The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.
Jesus Christ my living hope.

# Refrain:

Hallelujah! praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah! death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain,
There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

# (Refrain)

Jesus Christ, my living hope! O God, You are my living hope.

#### **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.

# **Sharing the Peace**

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

# Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray. [Silence for reflection]

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-6

A reading from Acts.

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 30

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
  - <sup>2</sup>O Lord my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.
  - <sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
  - <sup>4</sup> Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.
  - <sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
  - <sup>6</sup> While I felt secure, I said,

- "I shall never be disturbed.
- <sup>7</sup>You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- <sup>8</sup>I cried to you, O Lord;

I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

- <sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- 10 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."
- <sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
- 12 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.

# Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

# A reading from Revelation.

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

P The holy gospel according to Saint John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to

him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

Sermon

Song of the Day

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

**ELW 377** 

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

# Refrain:

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
(Refrain)

Jesus the vine, we are the branches; Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, Gift of the future now flowing to me. (Refrain)

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
(Refrain)

City of God, Easter forever, Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, River of life, saints and archangels, Sing with creation to God the I AM! (Refrain)

# 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 I Love You, Lord W&P67

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what you hear;

May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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.

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# **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

# The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing. ELW531 Verse 1 & Chorus

The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.

The gates of heav'n are open wide, And Jesus welcomes you inside.

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.

Come and revel in heaven's love and light.

Take your place at the table of the King.

The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

# 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 Hymn Grave Robber

I used to live like a rebel, didn't wanna behave. Thought a wretch like me couldn't ever be saved. But everything changed. I remember the day When I heard Him calling my name.

Like a thief in the night, He snuck in, took my life.
I was dead, now I'm alive and singing.

#### Chorus:

I got stolen by the grave robber. Picked me up from that rock bottom, Washed my soul in that Holy water, brought me back to life. One more stone rolled away, one more sinner been saved by grace.

This dead man, he ain't dead no longer.

All because of that grave robber.

Maybe you're the one thinking that you'll never be right. Even though your momma praying for you every night. Praying Jesus gonna find you and open your eyes. Well maybe right now's that time.

Like a thief in the night, He'll sneak in, take your life. That resurrection gonna have you singing.

# (Chorus)

Taking my sin, taking my shame, breaking my soul out of these chains. I'm a dead man living and God did it.

Taking my sin, taking my shame, breaking my soul out of these chains. I've been forgiven and God did it.

I got stolen by the grave robber. Picked me up from that rock bottom, Washed my soul in that Holy water, brought me back to life.

I got stolen by the grave robber. Picked me up from that rock bottom, Washed my soul in that Holy water, brought me back to life.

All because of that grave robber. All because of that grave robber.

# (Refrain)

# **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.

# **Sending Song**

# I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

**ELW 860** 

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

# (Chorus)

# **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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