

Cross of Christ and Cannon River
Lutheran Church
Faithful Through Generations
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Welcome and Announcements

Open Up the Heavens

Verse 1

We've waited for this day
We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire, awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

Pre-Chorus:

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing

Chorus:

Open up the heavens,
we want to see You
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Verse 2

Your presence in this place
Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud
You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes
(Pre-Chorus)
(Chorus-1x)

Bridge

Show us, show us Your glory
Show us, show us Your power
Show us, show us Your glory Lord
(Repeat Chorus-1x)

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

L: Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God of grace and glory, **you have brought us into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ; make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from sin, renew us in grace, and restore us in your light and life, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

L: People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you, both now and forever. **Amen.**

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM

My Savior My God

I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed
what God has planned
I only know at His right hand
Stands One who is my Savior

I take Him at His word and deed
Christ died to save me this I read
And in my heart I find a need
Of Him to be my Savior

Chorus

That He would leave His place on high
And come for sinful man to die
You count it strange so once did I
Before I knew my Savior

My Savior loves, My Savior lives
My Savior's always there for me
My God He was, My God He is
My God is always gonna be
My Savior loves, My Savior lives
My Savior's always there for me
My God He was, My God He is
My God is always gonna be

Yes living dying let me bring
My strength my solace from this spring
That He who lives to be my King
Once died to be my Savior (*Repeat Chorus*)

Ending

My Savior Lives!

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Deacon Todd Portinga

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand
And outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever and ever, forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
By the grace of God we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise
(*Chorus*)

Sing praise, sing praise
Sing praise, sing praise
(*Chorus*)

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.)**

***The Peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.**

***LORD’S PRAYER: 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.**

***BENEDICTION: May God bless you and keep you. May God’s face shine on you and be gracious to you. May God look on you with favor and give you peace. C: Amen.**

***L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.**

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