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ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL BELL CHOIR

WELCOME – ANNOUNCEMENTS

“FROM THE DAY”

When You found me I was so bind.
My sin was before me, I was swallowed by pride.
But out of the darkness, You brought me to Your light.
You showed me new mercy and opened up my eyes.

Chorus

**From the day You saved my soul
'til the very moment when I come home.
I'll sing, I'll dance, my heart will overflow
from the day You saved my soul.**

When brilliant light is all around.

An endless joy is the only sound.

Oh, rest my heart forever now.

Oh, in Your arms I'll always be found. **(CHORUS)**

My love is Yours, my heart is Yours,
my life is Yours forever.

My love is Yours, my heart is Yours,
my life is Yours forever. **(CHORUS X2)**

From the day You saved my soul.

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JESUS SAVES

The Rite of Holy Baptism

for

Sawyer Scott Freeman

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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Pastor: In order to implore the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the gathering of these children into the family of our Father, let us with all the family pray the prayer He gave us.

ALL: 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

Pastor: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.

C: Amen

Pastor: Because this child cannot answer for himself, we shall all, together with congregation, sponsors and parents, faithfully speak on his behalf in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father gives in and through Baptism.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

ALL: I do renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

ALL: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

ALL: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

ALL: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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P: Through Baptism God has added Sawyer Scott Freeman to His own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

ALL: We welcome you into the Lord's family! We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.

P: And you, Sawyer, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore!

C: Amen!

SONG REPRISE

Chorus

**From the day You saved my soul
'til the very moment when I come home.
I'll sing, I'll dance, my heart will overflow
from the day You saved my soul.**

My love is Yours, my heart is Yours, my life is Yours forever!

My love is Yours, my heart is Yours, my life is Yours forever! **(CHORUS X2)**

From the day You saved my soul.

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CONFESSION OF SIN

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We quietly confess our sins to God...)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, I confess that I am in my flesh sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon your heartfelt and sincere confession as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OFFERING *"COME AS YOU ARE"*****

Come out of sadness, from wherever you've been
Come broken hearted, let rescue begin
Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal.

Chorus

***So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame
All who are broken, lift up your face
Oh, wanderer, come home, you're not too far;
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are!***

There's hope for the hopeless, and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, a rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure **(CHORUS)**

Come as you are! Come as You are!
Fall in His arms! Come as You are!
There's joy for the morning; Oh sinner be still;
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal; **(CHORUS)**
Come as you are! **(4x)**

PRAYER

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"MY JESUS"

Are you past the point of weary?
Is your burden weighing heavy?
Is it all too much to carry?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
Do you feel that empty feeling?
'Cause shame's done all its stealing?
And you're desp'rate for some healing?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

Chorus

**He makes a way where there ain't no way,
rises up from an empty grave.
ain't no sinner that He can't save.
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus!
His love is strong and His grace is free,
and the good news is I know that He,
can do for ;you what He's done for me.
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus!
and let my Jesus change your life.**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen! Amen!
Who can wipe away the tears, from broken dreams and wasted years,
and tell the past to disappear?
Oh let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,
and all the wrong turns that you would, go and undo if you could.

Who can work it all for your good?
Let me tell you about my Jesus. **(CHORUS)**

Who would take my cross to Calv'ry,
pay the price for all my guilty, who would care that much about me?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus – oh! **(CHORUS)**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen! Amen!

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . . ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with

one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20:1-16

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

MESSAGE

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

"THE BLESSING"

The Lord bless you, and keep you.

Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn His face toward you and give You peace.

Chorus

Amen! Amen! Amen!

Amen! Amen! Amen!

The Lord bless you, and keep you.

Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn His face toward you and give You peace. **(CHORUS)**

(Bridge)

May His favor be upon you,

and a thousand generations

and your family and your children

and their children and their children **(REPEAT)**

May His presence go before you
and behind you and beside you.

All around you and within you,

He is with you! He is with you!

In the morning, in the evening,
in your coming and your going.

In your weeping and rejoicing.

He is for you! **(7x)**

Chorus

Amen! Amen! Amen!

Amen, Amen! Amen!

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