

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE: *From the Inside Out*

Verse 1

A thousand times I've failed
Still Your mercy remains
And should I stumble again
Still I'm caught in Your grace
Everlasting
Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame

Verse 2

Your will above all else
My purpose remains
The art of losing myself
In bringing You praise
Everlasting
Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame

Chorus 1

In my heart in my soul
Lord I give You control
Consume me from the inside out Lord
Let justice and praise
Become my embrace
To love You from the inside out

Chorus 2

Everlasting
Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame
And the cry of my heart
Is to bring You praise

From the inside out
Lord my soul cries out (Lord)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

DIALOGUE: Based on Galatians 5:16-26

L Lord, sometimes life is hard when people get so negative with each other.

C Where is the joy in life when we tear each other down with enmity, strife and jealousy?

L It's hard to breathe when the atmosphere is polluted with quarrels, dissensions, factions and envy.

C So Jesus followers, listen up! As St. Paul encourages us, be the positive change.

L Allow the Holy Spirit to bear new fruit through each of you: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

C By shifting the menu to what Christ offers, others will start tasting the kingdom of God.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

LESSON: 2 Peter 1:4-8

Jesus gave us the very great and precious promises. With these gifts you can share in God's nature, and the world will not ruin you with its evil desires. Because you have these blessings, do your best to add these things to your lives: to your faith, add goodness; and to your goodness, add knowledge; and to your knowledge, add self-control; and to your self-control, add patience; and to your patience, add service for God; and to your service for God, add kindness for your brothers and sisters in Christ; and to this kindness, add love. If all these things are in you and are growing, they will help you to be useful and productive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

Then an expert on the law stood up to test Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to get life

forever?" Jesus said, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" The man answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind." Also, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." Jesus said to him, "Your answer is right. Do this and you will live." But the man, wanting to show the importance of his question, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered, "As a man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, some robbers attacked him. They tore off his clothes, beat him, and left him lying there, almost dead. It happened that a priest was going down that road. When he saw the man, he walked by on the other side. Next, a Levite came there, and after he went over and looked at the man, he walked by on the other side of the road. Then a Samaritan traveling down the road came to where the hurt man was. When he saw the man, he felt very sorry for him. The Samaritan went to him, poured olive oil and wine on his wounds, and bandaged them. Then he put the hurt man on his own donkey and took him to an inn where he cared for him. The next day, the Samaritan brought out two coins, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of this man. If you spend more money on him, I will pay it back to you when I come again.'"

Then Jesus said, "Which one of these three men do you think was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by the robbers?" The expert on the law answered, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Then go and do what he did."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

SONG OF THE DAY: *In Control*

Verse 1

From heaven You can hear
I know You're drawing near as I worship
Held within Your love
The wind and waves will come
But I will stay here

Chorus

I lift my hands to heaven
Here my heart surrendered

I tell my soul again
You are Lord of all
Though the seas are raging
You will speak and tame them
In You I find my rest
You are in control

Verse 2

Through valleys I will trust
Your Spirit is enough to keep me walking
You guide my ev'ry step
Speak life to me again
Lord I need You oh I need You

Bridge

I will trust in only You
No one can add to Your perfection
You're the beginning and the end
More than I can comprehend
There is no one like You (no one) (Jesus)

Ending

In You I find my rest
You are in control

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God" please respond, "Your mercy is great."

When the prayers conclude, Please respond, "Amen."

INVITATION TO OFFERING:

Link to give: <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

As you see the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:

"The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: *Praise You in this Storm*

Verse 1

I was sure by now
God You would have reached down
And wiped our tears away
Stepped in and saved the day
But once again I'll say amen
And it's still rainin'

Pre-Chorus

As the thunder rolls
I barely hear You whisper
Through the rain
I'm with You
And as Your mercy falls
I'll raise my hands
And praise the God who gives
And takes away

Chorus

And I'll praise You in this storm
And I will lift my hands
For You are who You are
No matter where I am
And ev'ry tear I've cried
You hold in Your hand
You never left my side
And though my heart is torn
I will praise You in this storm

Verse 2

I remember when
I stumbled in the wind
You heard my cry to You
And raised me up again
But my strength is almost gone
How can I carry on
If I can't find You

Bridge

I lift my eyes unto the hills
Where does my help come from
My help comes from the Lord
The Maker of heaven and earth

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DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Share the good news.

*Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of
joy and life.*

C Thanks be to God.