

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

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## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONG OF PRAISE: *Running*

#### Verse 1

Ready at the line looking out  
Looking out to all that's ahead  
When ev'ry heart confesses Your Name  
We're pressing on towards that day  
We're never gonna stop we're never gonna stop

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Letting go of ev'ry mistake  
Throwing off the chains of restraint  
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#### Chorus

We are (We're) running  
Chasing after all that You are  
We are running  
'Cause all that You are is all that we want (Lord)

#### Verse 3

Ev'ry stride is taken in faith  
Ev'ry step compelled by Your grace  
We're taking up our cross  
No matter what the cost  
We give it all to go Your way  
We're never gonna stop  
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#### Interlude

Woah woah woah

#### Bridge

Onwards we draw towards Your light

Desp'rate we seek to know You more and more  
Further we look beyond ourselves  
To Your love  
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(REPEAT)

#### Ending

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### LESSON: Responsive Reading

*L Surely you know that many runners take part in a race, but only one of them wins the prize. Run, then, in such a way as to win the prize.*

**C An athlete who runs in a race cannot win the prize unless he obeys the rules.**

*L I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So I keep on running ...*

**C I forget what is behind, and I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize ..God gives because of what Christ Jesus has done.**

*L I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith.*

**C Run your best in the race of faith, and win eternal life for yourself; for it was to this life that God called you when you firmly professed your faith before many witnesses.**

### LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-3

Such a large crowd of witnesses is all around us! So we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won't let go. And we must be determined to run the race that is ahead of us. We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete. He endured the shame of being nailed to a cross, because he knew that later on he would be glad he did. Now he is seated at the right side of God's throne! So keep your mind on Jesus, who put up with many insults from sinners. Then you won't get discouraged and give up.

L *Word of God, word of life.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:1-2

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance. She went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and saw the linen cloths, but he did not go in. Behind him came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there and the cloth which had been around Jesus' head. It was not lying with the linen cloths but was rolled up by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed. (They still did not understand the scripture which said that he must rise from the dead.)

P *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

Pastor Miriam

### SONG OF THE DAY: *Goodness of God*

#### Verse 1

I love You Lord

Oh Your mercy never fails me

All my days

I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

I will sing of the goodness of God

#### Chorus

All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been so so good

With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God

#### Verse 2

I love Your voice

You have led me through the fire

In darkest night

You are close like no other

I've known You as a father

I've known You as a friend

I have lived in the goodness of God

### Bridge

Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

With my life laid down

I'm surrendered now

I give You everything

Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

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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:

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## 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

*As you see the pastors, worship team, and in person worshippers 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

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## **DISMISSAL**

*L Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
Share Jesus' gifts of joy and life with all you meet!*

**C Thanks be to God.**