

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE: GOOD MORNING, LORD

Tune: "Eight Days a Week"

Hey, dear Lord, good morning.

It's good to be with you.

We're here to sing your praises,
give thanks for what you do.

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son,
In the name of the Spirit, the Three in One.

Bless our time together, send your Spirit near.
Help us with our questions, our wrestlings and our fears.

Creating Father, redeeming Son,
guiding Spirit, Almighty One.

Blessed be your name, forever.
Open now our hearts, that you may touch and lead
our lives.

Oh, we love you Jesus, that's why we're in this place:
to grow within your presence, until it's face to face.

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son,
In the name of the Spirit, the Three in One,
the Three in One, the Three in One.

CONFESSONAL LITANY: "HELP!"

<i>Leader: Help!</i>	People: We need somebody.
<i>L: Help!</i>	P: Not just anybody.
<i>L: Help!</i>	P: You know we need you, Lord. Help!

*Leader: When we were younger, so much younger
than today, (either in age or maturity or both,) we
never thought we needed anybody's help.
We neglected or even turned a cold shoulder, O Lord,
upon your promises and plans for us.*

**People: We're not trying to beat ourselves up,
Lord, and we know that's not your desire. But we
realize we're plagued by a force some call "sin."
We find ourselves acting in ways of which we're
ashamed. In some cases, we're so insensitive we
don't even realize it. And we know if we say
otherwise, we're kidding ourselves.**

Leader: Help!

L: Help!

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People: Renew us, Lord.

**P: We need our lives
restored.**

**P: We sing with one accord.
Help!**

*Leader: You want help? Here's some great news!
God so loved the world that God gave the very best,
His only Son, Jesus. He not only lived among us to
help show us the way, but died on the cross for us
and for our salvation (or "back-stage pass" to God's
kingdom, party, and banquet).*

**People: Yes, through Jesus comes true help.
Through his cross and resurrection, our sins are
forgiven and the slate is wiped clean. We are made
new creations, holy people, stewards of God's
mysteries, freed to love and live with new futures.
Thanks be to God who gives us the victory!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE GOSPEL SONG: WORDS OF LIFE

Tune: "O bla di, O bla da"

Jesus was with his disciples
when they asked, "Lord, where shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life."

For happiness and joy these words we need to
know.

Chorus: Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia!

Blessed are those who hear God's Word.
(Repeat)

Final time: If you want true life, then act upon God's
Word.

When it seems you have all the answers,
or when you feel you haven't got a clue,
turn to what will prove a steady dancer.

The Bible shows God's love and grace always come through. (Chorus)

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

SONG OF THE DAY: WALKING IN GOD'S LOVE

Tune: "Can't Buy Me Love"

1. Some folks trust in riches, fame, or fancy cars.
Others let society determine who they are.
But I have heard one better answer
that gives more joy by far.

Walking in God's love, Jesus died for me.
Walking in God's love, in baptism I'm free!

2. The Lord has blessed me richly
with my family and my friends.
He walks beside me daily and when the story ends.
So when it comes to living boldly,
just one thing depends:

Walking in God's love, they call it justified,
Walking in God's love, it gives me hope and pride

3. Lord, your word is golden. It gives my heart
delight.

Your grace supports my mission,
gives meaning to my plight.
Now grant me strength to follow Jesus;
how pleasing in your sight!

Walking in God's love, love . . .
Walking in God's love.

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 "*Lord, in your mercy,*" please respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"

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

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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."*

COMMUNION SONG: REMEMBER ME

Tune: "Let It Be"

On the night our Savior was betrayed
he took bread and then he prayed.
"This is now my body, take and eat."
After supper he took the cup, giving thanks he held
it up, "This wine is now my blood, take and drink."

Chorus: "Remember me," Jesus said.
"In the wine, through the bread.
This meal of love I give you. Remember me."

This meal is our new covenant,
Christ's summary of what he meant.
United in his body, you and me.
Black or white, young or old,
if your heart is open or still cold,
forgiveness now is given, for you and me. (Chorus)

So as we celebrate Christ's meal
we proclaim the cross that heals.
Our sins upon his shoulders at Calvary.
For the bonds of death God devastates,
Christ's resurrection liberates.
To the banquet now he calls us, you and me.
(Chorus)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: GO NOW IN PEACE

Tune: "Yellow Submarine"

Now go in peace into the world.
Share with others what we've heard:
that Jesus died, but now he lives.
Life in his kingdom to you he gives. (Chorus)

Chorus: Go now in peace to serve the Lord as
friends wherever your road bends, until the
story ends.

Thank you Lord for this time.
Your light of grace we'll try to shine;
give away as we've received,
serving others in their need. (Chorus)

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.

Background on the

"God Loves You--Yeah, Yeah, Yeah!" Liturgy ©
*Why have a liturgy or worship format set to all
"sixties" music? Why not? In recent years,
Christians have been exploring how the Church best
reaches our changing world with the fantastic news
of God's radical love for us through Jesus. In the
process, we try to discern between style and
substance. What is the basic, never-changing
substance of the gospel that needs to shine in
worship? God's Word & Meal. These elements focus
the faith in worship.*

Specifically, this author would suggest the forms of a specifically Christian gathering (what we're doing in worship is distinctive from work, potlucks, euchre, or studying); God's Word through lessons and exposition of some sort; offering ourselves through praise, prayers, possessions, and presence; and celebrating the Eucharist (proclaiming the death and resurrection of Jesus through his meal not only is a tremendous faith activity, but the primary way early Christians distinguished themselves from their Jewish brothers and sisters).

Therefore, grounded in substance, we enjoy freedom in worship style. Music and language, it makes sense, should be indigenous to the gathered people, so the gospel can be heard clearly. English or French, Bach or Beatles. We need it all to celebrate and proclaim our God's mighty deeds. After all, Martin Luther himself paved the way for this kind of thinking when he translated the Bible into German and put Christian lyrics to tavern drinking songs.

Hopefully, the type of music used in this liturgy spans the interests of several generations of Christians. Plus it's fun music that's fairly easy to remember or learn. Will this liturgy-experiment be helpful to all Christians? By no means. But I'm glad if you are somebody who felt it helped you participate in that great old story in a fresh yet authentically Christian way.

*In Christ's Peace,
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