## **Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Peachtree City, Georgia September 19, 2021 9:45 a.m. Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor Luanne Harms, Interim Coordinator Tracee Daniel, Vocals James Callison, Guitar Dana Bogdanski, Bass guitar David Beecher, Keyboard

#### PRELUDE

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lord God, I am a soul under great stress and with a wearied spirit I cry out to you. —*Baruch 3:1 CEB* Stress and strain have caught up with me, but your commandments are my joy! —*Psalm 119:143 CEB* Salvation comes from the Lord. He is our stronghold in times of stress.

G ₄₀The Lord helps and delivers those who call on him.
—Psalm 37:39-40a ESV

### SONG OF PRAISE: Come As You Are

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come broken-hearted let rescue begin. Come find your mercy, O 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.O wanderer, come home.You're not too far, So lay down your hurt,lay down your heart. Come as you are

## Verse 2

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, Rest that endures. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

# Bridge

Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

### Verse 3

There's joy for the morning; O sinner, be still. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

## Ending

## Come as you are, Come as you are, Come as you are.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

## FIRST LESSON: from 2 Corinthians 6, 11, 12

 $\blacksquare$  Our lesson is from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, chapters 6, 11, and 12.

Commended to God, we kept ministering. We did this under great endurance through problems, disasters, and **stressful** situations [6:4-5, *CJB*] ... We faced the dangers, hard work and heavy labor, many sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, often without food, and in the cold without enough clothes. [11:27, *MSG*]

As if these external trials weren't enough, there is the daily **stress** I feel and anxiety I carry for all the churches *under my care*. [11:28 *MSG*]

However, I'm all right with the weaknesses, insults, disasters, harassments, and **stressful** situations for the sake of Christ, because when I'm weak, then in Christ I'm strong. [12:10, *CJB*]

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

### -New English Translation

The Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus and the disciples] went out from there and passed through Galilee. But Jesus did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man will be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand this statement and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum. After Jesus was inside the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>After he sat down, he called the twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

### SERMON

Pastor Miriam

### SONG OF THE DAY: Your Love Never Fails

#### Verse 1

Nothing can separate, Even if I ran away Your love never fails. I know I still make mistakes, but You have new mercies for me ev'ry day. Your love never fails.

### Chorus

(And) You stay the same through the ages.Your love never changes.There may be pain in the night,But joy comes in the morning.And when the oceans rage I don't have to be afraid,Because I know that You love me.(Your love never fails.)

### Verse 2

The wind is strong and the water's deep, But I'm not alone here in these open seas. Your love never fails. The chasm is far too wide; I never thought I'd reach the other side. Your love never fails.

### Bridge

You make all things, Work together for my good. You make all things, Work together for my good.

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#### **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed**

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."

### **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.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

▶ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

• 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 worshipers 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

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### BENEDICTION

■ The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.
■ Amen.

#### SENDING SONG: We Were Made To Thrive

#### Intro: Oh oh

Verse 1

Here in this worn and weary land, Where many a dream has died, Like a tree planted by the water, We never will run dry.

#### Pre-Chorus

So living water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of You. Fill our hearts and flood our souls With one desire.

#### Chorus

Just to know You and to make You known, We lift Your name on high. Shine like the sun; make darkness run and hide. We know we were made for so much more Than ordinary lives. It's time for us to more than just survive; We were made to thrive.

#### Verse 2

Into Your Word we're digging deep To know our Father's heart. Into the world we're reaching out To show them who You are.

#### Bridge

Joy unspeakable, Faith unsinkable Love unstoppable, Anything is possible. (REPEAT 3X)

Interlude: Oh oh; Oh oh

Ending: We were made to thrive.

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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.