Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia October 24, 2021 9:45 a.m. Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor Luanne Harms, Interim Contemporary Worship Director Dana Frick, guest, Keyboard and Vocals Kendra Campbell-Milburn, Vocals AJ John, guest, Electric Guitar James Callison, Electric Guitar Dana Bogdanski, Electric Bass Mark Cutler, Acoustic Guitar Jack Gordy, guest, drums P = Pastor G = All L = Leader

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE: Nothing Ever Could Separate Us

Verse 1

No ocean, no valley, no mountain too high, No power on earth, there's no distance too wide, No height or no depth could keep me from Your love. No failure, no weakness, no doubt in my mind, No prison around me could keep You outside. No not even death can pull me from Your arms.

Chorus 1

Nothing ever could separate us, Nothing ever could separate us, Nothing ever could separate us now (now).

Verse 2

And when I can't see You, still I know You're here, And when I can't feel You, Your promise is clear. Nothing I face can keep me from Your love, My Savior, my healer, my life, and my hope, My treasure forever, with You I belong, And even in death we won't be torn apart.

Interlude

Nothing, Nothing

Bridge

You gave it all to have me. You took the cross to save me.

Chorus 2

Nothing ever could separate us, Nothing ever could separate us, Nothing ever could separate us, (REPEAT) Now, now, now, Oh, oh.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

FIRST LESSON: Ephesians 3:18-19

and Romans 8:37-39 — Easy-to-Read Version

Our Lessons are from Paul's letters to the Ephesian and Roman Christians.

Let us pray that we and all God's holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love—how wide, how long, how high, and how deep that love is.

¹⁹ Christ's love is greater than anyone can ever know. Let us pray that we will be able to know that love and we can be filled with everything God has for us.

- L ⁸³⁷NO, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
- ☑ Nothing can separate us from God's love—
- L not death, not life, not angels, no ruling spirits... NO powers,.
- **G** Nothing now, nothing in the future,
- L Nothing above us, nothing below us-
- Nothing in the whole created world—will ever be able to separate us from the love God has shown us in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

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

Then [Jesus and the disciples] came to the town of Jericho. When Jesus left there with his followers, a large crowd was with them. A blind man named Bartimaeus (meaning "son of Timaeus") was sitting by the road. He was always begging for money. ⁴⁷He heard that Jesus from Nazareth was walking

by.

So he began shouting, "Jesus, Son of David, please help me!"

⁴⁸Many of the people scolded him and told him to be quiet. But he shouted even more loudly,

"Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called the blind man. "Cheer up!" they said. "Get up, he is calling you."

⁵⁰Bartimaeus threw off his cloak, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

⁵¹Jesus asked the man, "What do you want me to do for you?"

He answered, "Teacher, I want to see again."

⁵²Jesus said, "Go. You are healed because you believed." Immediately the man was able to see again. He followed Jesus down the road.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

SONG OF THE DAY: Healer

Verse

You hold my every moment, You calm my raging seas, You walk with me through fire, And heal all my disease.

Pre-Chorus I trust in You, I trust in You.

Chorus

I believe You're my healer. I believe You are all I need. I believe You're my portion. I believe You're more than enough for me. Jesus, You're all I need.

Bridge

Nothing is impossible for You. Nothing is impossible. Nothing is impossible for You, You hold my world in Your hands. (REPEAT)

Interlude

More than enough for me. Jesus, You're all I need. *(REPEAT)* More than enough for me.

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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.
- 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.
- P 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 and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church 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.
- G Amen.

SENDING SONG: Healing Is In Your Hands

Verse 1

No mountain, no valley, No gain or loss we know Could keep us from Your love.

Verse 2

No sickness, no secret, No chain is strong enough To keep us from Your love, To keep us from Your love.

Chorus 1

How high, how wide, No matter where I am, Healing is in Your hands. How deep, how strong, Now by Your grace I stand. Healing is in Your hands.

Verse 3

Our present, our future, Our past is in Your hands. We're covered by Your blood. We're covered by Your blood.

Bridge

In all things we know that We are more than conquerors. You keep us by Your love. In all things we know that We are more than conquerors. You keep us by Your love. You keep us by Your love. Chorus 2

How high, how wide, No matter where I am, Healing is in Your hands. How deep, how deep is Your love. How strong, how strong is Your love. Now by Your grace I stand. Healing is in Your hands.

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DISMISSAL

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

G Thanks be to God.