

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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P= Pastor **C** = All **L** = Leader

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

- P** Blessed be the Holy Trinity,
one God, ✠ who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry
with good things.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender
mercy of our God.
Silence is kept for reflection.
God for whom we wait,
- C** **in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.**
**We fail in believing that your good news is
for us. We falter in our call to tend your
creation. We find our sense of self in
material wealth. We fear those different
from ourselves. We forget that we are your
children and turn away from your love.**
**Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us
again of your saving grace.**
Renew us each day in the light of Christ.
Amen.
- P** God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor
upon you! Through the power of the Holy
Spirit, ✠ your sins are forgiven. You are
children of the Most High, inheritors of the
eternal promise, and recipients of divine
mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow
the way of peace.
- C** **Amen.**

OPENING SONG: Light of the World

Verse 1

Light of the World, Treasure of Heaven,
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky,
Joy of the Father, reach through the darkness,
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight.

Verse 2

Light of the World, from the beginning,
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love.
From great heights of glory You saw my story.
God, You entered in and became one of us.

Chorus

Sing hallelujah! Sing hallelujah!
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done.
Come and adore Him, Bow down before Him.
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World!

Verse 3

Light of the world, crown in a manger.
Born for the cross, to suffer, to save.
High King of Heaven, death is the poorer,
We are the richer by the price that He paid.

Chorus

Sing hallelujah! Sing hallelujah!
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done.
Come and adore Him, Bow down before Him.
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World,
The Light of the World!

Verse 4

Light of the World soon will be coming.
With fire in His eyes, He will ransom His own.
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory,
And there He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

Chorus

Sing hallelujah! Sing hallelujah!
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done.
Come and adore Him, Bow down before Him.
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World,
To the Light of the World!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

📖 Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

🙏 Amen

FIRST LESSON

📖 Philippians 1:3-11

📖 Today's Lesson is from Paul's letter to the Philippian Christians, the first chapter.

I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. not have to blame us for doing anything wrong.

📖 Word of God, word of life.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

📖 The Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.

🙏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

SONG OF THE DAY: Advent Hymn

Verse 1

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the everlasting light,
Son of righteousness, arise,
And triumph o'er these chains of mine.

Verse 2

Come, thou long awaited One,
In the fullness of Your love,
And loose this heart, bound up by shame,
And I will never be the same.

Chorus

So here I've waited, hope of You,
All my soul's longing through and through.
Dayspring, from on high, be near,
And Daystar, in my heart appear.

Verse 3

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Until Your love in me is born,
And joyless is the evening song
Until Emmanuel has come.

Chorus

So here I've waited, hope of You,
All my soul's longing through and through.
Dayspring, from on high, be near,
And Daystar, in my heart appear.



Chorus

So here I've waited, hope of You,
All my soul's longing through and through.
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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 "Hear us, O God," please respond, "**your mercy is great.**"

When the prayers conclude, please respond, "**Amen.**"



INVITATION TO OFFERING:

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PROCESSION OF ABUNDANCE: Please present your Faith-giving Intent Cards at the altar at this time.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

G **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;

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

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

P 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

G 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

P Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen.

BENEDICTION

📖 The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace
in believing, so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit, ✝ through Christ
Jesus for whom we wait.

🙏 Amen.

SENDING SONG: Go, Tell It On the Mountain

Verse 1

While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Chorus

(Oh) (So) I say, go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

Verse 2

The shepherds feared and trembled,
When lo above the Earth,
Rang out the angel chorus,
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger,
Our humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
On that blessed Christmas morn.

Chorus

(Oh) (So) I say, go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

Verse 4

I was a lonely seeker,
I sought both night and day.
I asked the Lord to help me,
And he showed me the way.

Verse 5

He made me a watchman,
Upon a city wall,
And if I am a Christian,
I am the least of all.

Chorus

(Oh) (So) I say, go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

Tag

Go tell it!
Go tell it!
Go tell it! (*Repeat these lines*)
Go on and tell it

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DISMISSAL

📖 Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of
joy and life.

🙏 Thanks be to God.