

## Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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P = Pastor    C = All    L = Leader

### PRELUDE: Somebody Talking About Jesus

Everywhere I Go, Everywhere I Go, My Lord,  
Everywhere I Go, Somebody talkin' about Jesus.

They turned away Mary and Joseph from the Inn,  
Somebody talkin' about Jesus,  
A baby born in Bethlehem,  
Somebody talkin' about Jesus.

Everywhere I Go, Everywhere I Go, My Lord,  
Everywhere I Go, Somebody talkin' about Jesus.

Born, born of the Virgin Mary,  
Somebody talkin' about Jesus.,  
Born, born on Christmas Morn,  
Somebody talkin' about Jesus.

Everywhere I Go, Everywhere I Go, My Lord,  
Everywhere I Go, Somebody talkin' about Jesus.

Glory Be to the Newborn Babe,  
Somebody talkin' about Jesus.

Everywhere I Go, Everywhere I Go, My Lord,  
Everywhere I Go, Somebody talkin' about Jesus.

### 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: I Pray on Christmas

I pray on Christmas That the Lord will see me through.  
I pray on Christmas He'll show me what to do.  
I pray on Christmas He'll help me understand,  
And I pray on Christmas He'll take me by the hand

I pray on Christmas That the sick will soon be strong.  
I pray on Christmas The Lord will hear my song.  
I pray on Christmas That God will lead the way,  
And I pray on Christmas  
He'll get me through another day.

I pray on Christmas, I pray on Christmas,  
I pray on Christmas He'll get me through another day.

I pray on Christmas  
All our problems gonna be worked out.  
I pray on Christmas God'll show us what love's about.  
I pray on Christmas To do Your will each day.  
And I pray on Christmas  
That I'll be with You in heaven some day.

I pray on Christmas, I pray on Christmas,  
I pray on Christmas He'll get me through another day.

I pray on Christmas, Oh, the sick will soon be strong.  
I pray on Christmas The Lord will hear my song.  
I pray on Christmas That God will lead the way,  
And I pray, I really pray on Christmas,  
He'll get me through another day. [4X]

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen

**FIRST LESSON**

- L** Luke 1:26-38
- L** Today's Lesson is from the Gospel according to Luke, the first chapter.
- L** In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to the Galilean village of Nazareth to a virgin engaged to be married to a man descended from David. His name was Joseph, and the virgin's name, Mary. Upon entering, Gabriel greeted her:
- I** Good morning! You're beautiful with God's beauty, Beautiful inside and out! God be with you.
- L** <sup>29-33</sup>She was thoroughly shaken, wondering what was behind a greeting like that. But the angel assured her,
- I** "Mary, you have nothing to fear. God has a surprise for you: You will become pregnant and give birth to a son and call his name Jesus. He will be great, be called 'Son of the Highest.'  
"The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David; "He will rule Jacob's house forever—no end, ever, to his kingdom."
- II** <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "But how? I've never slept with a man."
- I** <sup>35</sup>The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, the power of the Highest hover over you; "Therefore, the child you bring to birth will be called Holy, Son of God."  
<sup>36-38</sup>"And did you know that your cousin Elizabeth conceived a son, old as she is? Everyone called her barren, and here she is six months pregnant! Nothing, you see, is impossible with God."
- II** And Mary said, "Yes, I see it all now: I'm the Lord's maid, ready to serve. Let it be with me just as you say."
- L** Then the angel left her.
- L** Word of God, word of life.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56**

- P** The Gospel according to Luke, the 1st chapter.
- G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

- P** Mary didn't waste a minute. She got up and traveled to a town in Judah in the hill country, straight to Zachariah's house, and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby in her womb leaped. She was filled with the Holy Spirit, and sang out exuberantly,  
*You're so blessed among women, and the babe in your womb, also blessed! And why am I so blessed that the mother of my Lord visits me?  
The moment the sound of your greeting entered my ears, The babe in my womb skipped like a lamb for sheer joy.  
Blessed woman, who believed what God said, believed every word would come true!*
- <sup>46-55</sup>And Mary said,  
*I'm bursting with God-news; I'm dancing the song of my Savior God. God took one good look at me, and look what happened—I'm the most fortunate woman on earth! What God has done for me will never be forgotten, the God whose very name is holy, set apart from all others. His mercy flows in wave after wave on those who are in awe before him. He bared his arm and showed his strength, scattered the bluffing braggarts. He knocked tyrants off their high horses, pulled victims out of the mud. The starving poor sat down to a banquet; the callous rich were left out in the cold. He embraced his chosen child, Israel; he remembered and piled on the mercies, piled them high. It's exactly what he promised, beginning with Abraham and right up to now.*

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Fritz

**SONG OF THE DAY: What a Glorious Night**

*Interlude: Oo oo*

*Verse 1*

The shepherds came to see the baby,  
Stood by His mother's side.  
Here laid the Savior inside a manger.  
Oh, what a glorious night!  
Oh, what a glorious night!

### Chorus

I hear the angels singin' Hallelujah!  
Let the earth receive her King!  
I know that love has come, sing it out!  
Jesus Christ is born! Jesus Christ is born!  
(Yeah yeah)

### Verse 2

The shepherds wondered, they couldn't hide it,  
They told ev'ryone in sight.  
All were amazed when they heard how God came  
Down on the glorious night!  
God came down on this glorious night!

### Chorus

I hear the angels singin' Hallelujah!  
Let the earth receive her King!  
I know that love has come, sing it out!  
Jesus Christ is born! Jesus Christ is born!  
(Yeah yeah)

### Bridge

Gloriousj! Glorious, what a glorious night!  
Glorious! Glorious, what a glorious night!

### Chorus

I hear the angels singin' Hallelujah!  
Let the earth receive her King!  
I know that love has come, sing it out!  
Jesus Christ is born!  
I hear the angels singin' Hallelujah!  
Let the earth receive her King!  
I know that love has come, sing it out!  
Jesus Christ is born!  
I hear that Jesus Christ is born!  
(Yeah yeah)

### Verse 3

All is calm now all is quiet.  
A star shining in the sky.  
Below in Bethlehem the King is sleeping.  
Oh what a glorious night! Oh what a glorious night!

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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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### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- ▶ The Lord be with you. 🗣️ **And also with you.**
- ▶ Lift up your hearts. 🗣️ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- ▶ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 🗣️ **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;  
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

- ▶ 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

☩ 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

Go on and tell it! Go on ahead and tell it now!  
Go on and tell it! Go on ahead and tell it now!  
Go on and tell it! Go on ahead and tell it now!  
Go on and tell it! Go on ahead and tell it now!

### Chorus

I say, go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere.  
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.  
Go on and tell it! Go on ahead and tell it now!

### Verse 1

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

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

Singing, Go tell it on the mountain.  
Over the hills and everywhere.  
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.  
Go on and tell it! Go on ahead and tell it now!  
Go on and tell it! Go on ahead and tell it now!

### Verse 2

When I was a poor boy, oh, nothing to my name,  
No gift to bring him honor,  
oh, he loved me just the same.  
And so we lift our voices, sing his name on high,  
And share the love he gave to us  
with every passer-by.

Go tell it on the mountain,  
Go on and tell it! Go on ahead and tell it!  
Go on and tell it! Go on ahead and tell it!

Go tell it on the mountain,  
Go tell it on the mountain.  
Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere.  
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born.

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

Go on and tell it! Go on ahead and tell it now!  
Go tell it! Go on ahead and tell it now!

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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.