

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE: Take Up Your Spade

Sun is up, a new day is before you.
Sun is up, wake your sleepy soul.
Sun is up, hold on to what is yours.
Take up your spade and break ground.

Break ground, break ground, break ground.

Shake off your shoes.

Leave yesterday behind you.

Shake off your shoes,

But forget not where you've been.

Shake off your shoes.

Forgive and be forgiven.

Take up your spade and break ground.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity,
one God, who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among
all peoples, and who breathes peace on all
the earth.

C Amen.

P In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry
out for peace. *Silence is kept for reflection.*
Holy God,

C we confess our sin before you.
We replace compassion with competition.
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the
meek. We are quick to anger but slow to
forgive. We have not put on love in harmony
with you. Wrap us in the grace of your
powerful Word.
Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all
we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love
born among us. Amen.

P The true light, which enlightens everyone, has
come into the world: God has come among us
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. † In
Christ your sins are forgiven and you are
clothed in peace.

C Amen.

High Above

Verse 1

We turn our hearts and fix our eyes,
We welcome You, arms opened wide,
And feel the Light of heaven.

Verse 2

Let ev'ry soul arise and wake.
Lift a song, prepare the way.
We feel the Light of heaven.

Chorus

One heart, one voice, We lift You up, we lift You up,
Our hope, our joy, We lift You up, we lift You up.
High above, God, Your light has come.

Verse 3

Overwhelmed, we stand in awe.
Words fall short of all You are.
Behold the King of heaven.

Chorus

One heart, one voice, We lift You up, we lift You up,
Our hope, our joy, We lift You up, we lift You up.
High above, God, Your light has come.

Bridge

Whoa, the Light has come. Whoa, the King has come.
Whoa, the Light has come. Whoa, the King has come.

Chorus

One heart, one voice, We lift You up, we lift You up,
Our hope, our joy, We lift You up, we lift You up.
High above, God, Your light has come.

Ending

Oh, You're high above. God, Your light has come.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

L Isaiah 43:1-5 —*The Voice*
L Today's Lesson is from Isaiah, the 43rd chapter.

Eternal One: Don't you *Remember* who created you and shaped you, O Israel? *See*, you have nothing to fear. I, *who made you*, will take you back. I have chosen you, named you as My own. ²When you face *stormy* seas I will be there with you *with endurance and calm*; you will not be engulfed in *raging* rivers. *If it seems like you're walking through fire with flames licking at your limbs, keep going*; you won't be burned.

³Because I, the Eternal One, am your God and I will save you. ⁴Because you are special to Me and I love you, ⁵So don't be afraid. I am here.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-18, 21-22

P The Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

P John's bold message seized public attention, and many began wondering if John might himself be the Anointed One promised by God.

John the Baptist: ¹⁶I baptize you with water, but One is coming—One far more powerful than I, One whose sandals I am not worthy to untie—who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ He is coming like a farmer at harvesttime, tools in hand to separate the wheat from the chaff. He will burn the chaff with unquenchable fire, and He will gather the genuine wheat into His barn.

¹⁸He preached with many other provocative figures of speech and so conveyed God's message to the people—the time had come to rethink everything.

²¹Before John's imprisonment, when he was still ... baptizing the people in the Jordan River, Jesus also came to him to be baptized. As Jesus prayed, the heavens opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit came upon Him in a physical manifestation that resembled a dove. A voice echoed out from heaven.

Voice from Heaven: You are My Son, the Son I love, and in You I take great pleasure.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

SONG OF THE DAY: I Am

Verse 1

Oh, gently lay your head upon My chest,
And I will comfort you like a mother While you rest.
And the tide can change so fast,
But I will stay the same through the past,
The same, in the future, Same today.

Chorus

I am constant and I am near,
I am peace that shatters all your secret fears.
I am holy, I am wise,
I'm the only one who knows your heart's desires,
Your heart's desires.

Verse 2

Oh, weary, tired, and worn.
Let out your sighs, And drop that heavy load you hold,
'Cause Mine is light.
And I know you through and through.
There's no need to hide.
I want to show you Love that is deep and high and wide.

Chorus

I am constant and I am near,
I am peace that shatters all your secret fears.
I am holy, I am wise,
I'm the only one who knows your heart's desires,
Your heart's desires.

[Repeat Chorus]

Ending

Oh, gently lay your head upon My chest,
And I will comfort you like a mother While you rest.

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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 "Merciful God," please respond, "receive our prayer."

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



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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; In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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 We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

L 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, the Word made flesh.

G Amen.

SENDING SONG: Good, Good Father

Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like,
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night and
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone.

Chorus

You're a Good, Good Father.
It's who You are, It's who You are,
It's who You are.
And I'm loved by You,
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am.

Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers Far and wide,
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide, ▶

Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word.

Chorus

You're a Good, Good Father.
It's who You are, It's who You are,
It's who You are.
And I'm loved by You,
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am.

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways,
You are perfect in all of Your ways,
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.

[Repeat Bridge]

Verse 3

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak,
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think,
As You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still,
Into love, love, love.

Chorus

You're a Good, Good Father.
It's who You are, It's who You are,
It's who You are.
And I'm loved by You,
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am.

[Repeat Chorus twice.]

Ending, add:

You are perfect in all of Your ways,
You are perfect in all of Your ways.

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DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Tell all of the divine baby who lived
among us, Jesus Christ. Invite all to join in connecting
to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

G Thanks be to God.