

## Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

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

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

**C** Amen. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Holy One,

**C** we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

**P** Beloved, return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. [Joel 2:13] In  $\text{IHS}$  Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

**C** Amen.

### OPENING SONG: Come to the Table

*Verse 1*

**We all start on the outside, The outside looking in.**

**This is where grace begins.**

**We were hungry, we were thirsty,**

**With nothing left to give.**

**Oh, the shape that we were in.**

*Pre-Chorus*

**Just when all hope seemed lost,**

**Love opened the door for us.**

*Chorus*

**He said, come to the table.**

**Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.**

**Take your place beside the Savior.**

**Sit down and be set free. Come to the table.**

*Verse 2*

**Come meet this motley crew of misfits,**

**These liars and these thieves.**

**There's no one unwelcome here.**

**So that sin and shame that you've brought with you,**

**You can leave it at the door,**

**And let mercy draw you near.**

*Chorus*

**He said, come to the table.**

**Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.**

**Take your place beside the Savior.**

**Sit down and be set free.**

**Come to the table. Come to the table.**

*Bridge*

**To the thief and to the doubter,**

**To the hero and the coward,**

**To the pris'ner and the soldier,**

**To the young and to the older.**

**All who hunger, all who thirst,**

**All the last and all the first,**

**All the paupers and the princes,**

**All who've failed, you've been forgiven;**

**All who dream and all who suffer,**

**All who've loved and lost another,**

**All the chained and all the free,**

**All who follow, all who lead,**

**Anyone who's been let down,**

**All the lost, you have been found;**

**All who've been labeled right or wrong;**

**To ev'ryone who hears this song.**

*Chorus*

**Come to the table.**

**Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.**

**Take your place beside the Savior.**

**Sit down and be set free.**

*Ending*

**Woah, sit down and be set free**

**Come to the table. Come to the table.**

**Sit down and be set free. Come to the table.**

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Isaiah 56:7-8; 66:18

—*New Century Version*

**L** Today's Old Testament Lesson is from Isaiah, the fifty-sixth and sixty-sixth chapters.

**L** "I will bring these people to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer.

**G** "The offerings and sacrifices they place on my altar will please me,

**L** "because my Temple will be called a house for prayer for people from all nations."

**G** <sup>8</sup>The Lord God says—he who gathers the Israelites that were forced to leave their country:

**L** "I will bring together other people to join those who are already gathered.

**G** <sup>18b</sup>"I will gather all nations and all people, and they will come together and see my glory."

**L** Word of God, Word of life.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** Hebrews 10:19-25

—*New Century Version*

**L** Today's Epistle is from the letter to the Hebrew Christians, the tenth chapter.

Brothers and sisters, we are completely free to enter the Most Holy Place without fear because of the blood of Jesus' death. <sup>20</sup>We can enter through a new and living way that Jesus opened for us. It leads through the curtain—Christ's body. <sup>21</sup>And since we have a great priest over God's house, <sup>22</sup>let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, because we have been made free from a guilty conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold firmly to the hope that we have confessed, because we can trust God to do what he promised. ►

<sup>24</sup>Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds. <sup>25</sup>You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other. Do this even more as you see the day coming.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 2:22-32, 36-38; 19:47-48

—*Contemporary English Version*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second and nineteenth chapters.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

The time came for Mary and Joseph to do what the Law of Moses says a mother is supposed to do after her baby is born. They took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem and presented him to the Lord.

<sup>25</sup>At this time a man named Simeon was living in Jerusalem. Simeon was a good man. He loved God and was waiting for God to save the people of Israel. God's Spirit came to him <sup>26</sup>and told him that he would not die until he had seen Christ the Lord.

<sup>27</sup>When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to do what the Law of Moses says should be done for a new baby, the Spirit told Simeon to go into the Temple. <sup>28</sup>Simeon took the baby Jesus in his arms and praised God,

<sup>29</sup>"Lord, I am your servant, and now I can die in peace, because you have kept your promise to me. <sup>30</sup>With my own eyes I have seen what you have done to save your people, <sup>31</sup>and foreign nations will also see this. <sup>32</sup>Your mighty power is a light for all nations, and it will bring honor to your people Israel."

...<sup>36</sup>The prophet Anna was also there in the temple. She was ... eighty-four years old. Night and day she served God in the temple by praying and often going without eating. <sup>38</sup>At that time Anna came in and praised God. She spoke about the child Jesus to everyone who hoped for Jerusalem to be set free.

[Years later,] <sup>19:47</sup>Every day Jesus taught in the Temple. The chief priests, the teachers of the Law, and the leaders of the people wanted to kill him, <sup>48</sup>but they could not find a way to do it, because all the people kept listening to him, not wanting to miss a single word.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

## SONG OF THE DAY: To the Table

Verse 1

Hear the voice of love that's calling,  
There's a chair that waits for you,  
And a friend who understands  
Everything you're going through.

Verse 2

But you keep standing at a distance  
In the shadows of your shame,  
But there's a light of hope that's shining.  
Won't you come and take your place?

Chorus 1

And bring it all to the table.  
It's nothing He ain't seen before.  
For all your sin all your sorrow and your sadness  
There's a Savior and He calls, Bring it all to the table.

Verse 3

He can see the weight you carry,  
The fears that hold your heart,  
But through the cross you've been forgiven.  
You're accepted as you are.

Chorus 2

So bring it all to the table.  
It's nothing He ain't seen before.  
For all your trials, all your worries,  
And your burdens,  
There's a Savior and He calls, Bring it all to the table.

Interlude

Bring it all. You can bring it all.

Bridge (Sing twice.)

Come on in, take your place.  
There's no one who's turned away.  
All you sinners, all you saints,  
Come right in and find your grace.

Chorus 1

And bring it all to the table.  
It's nothing He ain't seen before.  
For all your sin all your sorrow and your sadness  
There's a Savior and He calls, Bring it all to the table.

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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."



## INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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

**☩** 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 worshipers commune,  
please join them by communing at home, saying to 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

**📖** Blessed Jesus,

**☩** in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us  
with your body, the bread of life.  
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope  
to a world in need. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**📖** You are children of God, anointed with the oil  
of gladness and strengthened for the journey.  
Almighty God, fatherly and motherly, majestic,  
and mighty, ✠ bless you this day and always.

**☩** Amen.

## SENDING SONG: Ain't No Grave

*Verse 1*

**Shame is a prison as cruel as a grave.  
Shame is a robber and he's come to take my name.  
Love is my redeemer, lifting me up from the ground.  
Love is the power where my freedom song is found.**

*Chorus 1*

**There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.  
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.  
When I hear that trumpet sound  
I'm gonna rise up out of the ground.  
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.**

*Verse 2*

**Fear is a liar with a smooth and velvet tongue.  
Fear is a tyrant he's always telling me to run.  
Love is resurrection and love is a trumpet sound.  
Love is my weapon; I'm gonna take my giants down.**

*Chorus 1*

**There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.  
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.**

**When I hear that trumpet sound  
I'm gonna rise up out of the ground.  
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.**

*Verse 3*

**There was a battle, a war between death and life.  
There on a tree the Lamb of God was crucified.  
He went on down to hell.  
He took back every key. He rose up as a lion.  
Now He's setting all the captives free.**

*Chorus 2*

**There ain't no grave could hold His body down.  
There ain't no grave could hold His body down.  
When He heard the trumpet sound  
He rose up out of the ground.  
There ain't no grave could hold His body down.  
There ain't no grave could hold His body down.**

*Chorus 1*

**There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.  
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.**

**If you walked out of the grave, I'm walking, too.  
[Repeat multiple times.]**

*Chorus 1*

**There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.  
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.  
When I hear that trumpet sound  
I'm gonna rise up out of the ground.  
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.**

*Ending*

**There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.  
There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.**

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## DISMISSAL

**📖** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.  
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of  
joy and life.

**☩** Thanks be to God.