

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

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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 in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In I Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C Amen.

OPENING SONG: YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS

Verse 1

Nothing can separate Even if I ran away.
Your love never fails.
I know I still make mistakes, but
You have new mercies for me ev'ryday.
Your love never fails.

Chorus

**You stay the same through the ages.
Your love never changes.
There may be pain in the night,
But joy comes in the morning.**

And when the oceans rage,
I don't have to be afraid,
Because I know that You love me.
Your love never fails.

Verse 2

**The wind is strong and the water's deep,
But I'm not alone here in these open seas.
Your love never fails.
The chasm is far too wide.
I never thought I'd reach the other side.
Your love never fails.**

Chorus

**You stay the same through the ages.
Your love never changes.
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning.
And when the oceans rage,
I don't have to be afraid.
Because I know that You love me.
Your love never fails.**

Bridge (Sing 3 times)

**You make all things Work together for my good.
You make all things Work together for my good.**

Chorus

**You stay the same through the ages.
Your love never changes.
There may be pain in the night,
But joy comes in the morning.
And when the oceans rage,
I don't have to be afraid,
Because I know that You love me.
Your love never fails.
Your love never fails.**

Bridge (Sing with the group)

**You make all things Work together for my good.
You make all things Work together for my good.**

Chorus

**You stay the same through the ages.
Your love never changes.
There may be pain in the night
But joy comes in the morning.
And when the oceans rage,
I don't have to be afraid.
Because I know that You love me.
Your love never fails.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

LESSON

L Today's Lesson is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthian Christians, the twelfth chapter.

Friends, our first lesson about GIFTS reminds us a) all of us are given gifts and included, b) our gifts can be different and that's OK, and actually necessary because c) working together we accomplish God's plan. None of us can do it alone. We're like a body or machine or story where our individual parts are put together by God in awesome ways.

L Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to ^{another} gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—

Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 21:1-8

P Matthew 25:14-30

—*The Message*

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P [Jesus said:] "It's also like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities. To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, depending on their abilities. Then he left. Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master's investment. The second did the same. But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master's money.

¹⁹⁻²¹"After a long absence, the master of those three servants came back and settled up with them.

The one given five thousand dollars showed him how he had doubled his investment. His master commended him: 'Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.'

²²⁻²³"The servant with the two thousand showed how he also had doubled his master's investment. His master commended him: 'Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.'

²⁴⁻²⁵"The servant given one thousand said, 'Master, I know you have high standards and hate careless ways, that you demand the best and make no allowances for error. I was afraid I might disappoint you, so I found a good hiding place and secured your money. Here it is, safe and sound down to the last cent.'

²⁶⁻²⁷"The master was furious. 'That's a terrible way to live! It's criminal to live cautiously like that! If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least? The least you could have done would have been to invest the sum with the bankers, where at least I would have gotten a little interest.

²⁸⁻³⁰"Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most. And get rid of this "play-it-safe" who won't go out on a limb. Throw him out into utter darkness.'"

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

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

SONG OF THE DAY: ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN

Verse 1

You are not alone if you are lonely.
 When you feel afraid you're not the only.
 We are all the same, in need of mercy,
 To be forgiven and be free.
 It's all you got to lean on,
 But thank God it's all you need.

Chorus

And all the people said "Amen," whoa,
 And all the people said "Amen."
 Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
 And all the people said "Amen."

Verse 2

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter.
 Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
 We're all broken but we're all in this together.
 God knows we stumble and fall,
 And He so loved the world
 He sent His son to save us all.

Chorus

And all the people said "Amen," whoa,
 And all the people said "Amen."
 Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
 And all the people said "Amen."

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
 Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
 Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
 For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God.

Chorus (Sing twice.)

And all the people said "Amen," whoa,
 And all the people said "Amen."
 Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
 And all the people said "Amen."
 And all the people said "Amen."

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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.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** 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: SOUL ON FIRE

Chorus 1 (Sing twice.)
God, I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart,
'Til I am a soul on fire.
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways.
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire.
('Til I am a soul on fire.)

Verse

Lord, restore the joy I had.
I have wandered, bring me back.
In this darkness lead me through
Until all I see is You. yeah

Chorus 1

God, I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart,
'Til I am a soul on fire.
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways.
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire.
('Til I am a soul on fire.)

Bridge

Lord, let me burn for You again.
Let me return to You again.
And Lord, let me burn for You again,
And let me return to You again.

Chorus 1

God, I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart,
'Til I am a soul on fire.
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways.
I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire.
('Til I am a soul on fire.)

Chorus 2

God, I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire,
'Til I am a soul on fire,
'Til I am a soul on fire.

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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.