

**Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Peachtree City, Georgia

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**P**= Pastor **G** = All **L** = Leader

**PRELUDE SONG: Raise a Hallelujah**

*Verse 1*

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.

I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief.

I raise a hallelujah; my weapon is a melody.

I raise a hallelujah. Heaven comes to fight for me.

*Chorus*

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.

Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar.

Up from the ashes hope will arise.

Death is defeated, the King is alive.

*Verse 2*

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me.

I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee.

I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery.

I raise a hallelujah; fear; you lost your hold on me.

*Chorus*

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.

Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar.

Up from the ashes hope will arise.

Death is defeated, the King is alive.

*Bridge*

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder).

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder).

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder).

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder).

*Bridge (sing twice)*

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies.

Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief.

Sing a little louder; my weapon is a melody.

Sing a little louder. Heaven comes to fight for me.

Sing a little louder

*Chorus (sing twice)*

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.

Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar.

Up from the ashes hope will arise.

Death is defeated, the King is alive.

*Ending*

**I raise a hallelujah. I raise a hallelujah.**

**I raise a hallelujah. I raise a hallelujah.**

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**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SONG: My Redeemer Lives**

*Verse 1*

**Who taught the sun where to stand in the morning?**

**And who told the ocean you can only come this far?**

**And who showed the moon**

**Where to hide 'til evening?**

**Whose words alone can catch a falling star?**

*Chorus 1*

**Well, I know my Redeemer lives.**

**I know my Redeemer lives.**

**All of creation testifies, this life within me cries,**

**I know my Redeemer lives.**

*Verse 2*

**The very same God that spins things in orbit,**

**He runs to the weary, the worn, and the weak,**

**And the same gentle hands**

**That hold me when I'm broken,**

**They conquered death to bring me victory.**

*Chorus 2*

**Now I know my Redeemer lives.**

**I know my Redeemer lives.**

**Let all creation testify, let this life within me cry,**

**I know my Redeemer.**

*Bridge*

**He lives to take away my shame,**

**And He lives forever, I'll proclaim,**

**That the payment for my sin**

**Was the precious life He gave,**

**But now He's alive,**

**And there's an empty grave.**

*Chorus 3*

**And I know my Redeemer, He lives.**

**I know my Redeemer lives.**

**Let all creation testify**

**That this life within me cries,**

**I know my Redeemer.**

*Ending*

**I know my Redeemer lives.**

**I know my Redeemer lives.**

**I know my Redeemer lives. He lives, He lives.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.  
O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears  
with the wounded hands of your risen Son.  
By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your  
mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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.

## READINGS:

**L** Today's lesson is made up of verses chosen by some  
of our Confirmands to guide their faith-lives.

**L** Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares  
for you. *1 Peter 5:7*

**C** **Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me  
and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any  
offensive way in me and lead me in the way  
everlasting.** *Psalms 139: 23-24*

**L** In Christ there is perfect peace. In the world there is  
tribulation. Jesus said, "Be of good cheer and have  
courage for I have overcome the world."  
*John 16:33*

**C** **Even though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for you are  
with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**  
*Psalms 23:4*

**L** Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid;  
for I, the Lord your God, will go with you; I will not  
leave you nor forsake you. *Deuteronomy 31:6*

**C** **For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ  
Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in  
advance for us to do.** *Ephesians 2:10*

**L** ... Even youths grow tired and weary, and young  
men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the  
Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on  
wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint. *Isaiah 40:29-31*

**C** **I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully  
made; your works are wonderful, I know that full  
well.** *Psalms 139:14*

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL: John 20:26-31

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth  
chapter.

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

A week later the followers were in the house again,  
and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but  
Jesus came in and stood right in the middle of them.  
He said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to  
Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands.  
Put your hand here in my side. Stop being an unbeliever  
and believe."

<sup>28</sup>Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup>Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you see  
me. Those who believe without seeing me will be truly  
blessed."

<sup>30</sup>Jesus did many other miracles in the presence of his  
followers that are not written in this book.

<sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may believe that  
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Then, by believing,  
you may have life through his name.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Miriam

## SONG OF THE DAY: Praise to the Lord

*Verse 1*

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty, the King of creation.  
O my soul, praise Him,  
For He is thy health and salvation.  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near.  
Praise Him in glad adoration.  
Praise Him!

*Verse 2*

Praise to the Lord,  
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings,  
Yea so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

*Chorus*

Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

*Verse 3*

Praise to the Lord,  
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend thee. ▶

**Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.**

*Verse 4*

**Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath,  
Come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

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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 "God of mercy," please respond, "hear our prayer."  
When the prayers conclude, please respond, "Amen."

#### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

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#### **OFFERING SONG: God So Loved**

*Verse 1*

**Come, all you weary. Come, all you thirsty.  
Come to the well that never runs dry.  
Drink of the water. Come and thirst no more.**

*Verse 2*

**Come, all you sinners, Come find His mercy.  
Come to the table, He will satisfy.  
Taste of His goodness. Find what you're looking for.**

*Chorus 1*

**For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.**

*Verse 3*

**Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.**

*Chorus 2*

**For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.  
The power of hell forever defeated,  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

*Bridge (sing twice)*

**Praise God, praise God From whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.**

*Chorus 3 (sing twice)*

**For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.  
The power of hell forever defeated,  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

*Verse 4*

**Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions.  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting. God so loved the world.**

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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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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

- C** **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."*

## COMMUNION SONG: Living Hope

*Verse 1*

How great the chasm that lay between us.  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to heaven,  
And spoke Your name into the night.

Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*Verse 2*

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven,  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*Chorus (sing twice)*

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free.  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.  
You have broken every chain.  
There's salvation in Your name,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*Verse 3 (sing twice)*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me.

Jesus Yours is the victory, whoa.

*Chorus (sing twice)*

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free.  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.  
You have broken every chain.  
There's salvation in Your name,  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope  
Oh God, You are my living hope.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P** We give you thanks, generous God,  
**C** **for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**P** God, the Author of life, Christ, the living  
Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING SONG: I Will Follow

### Intro

**Where You go, I'll go.  
Where You stay, I'll stay.  
When You move, I'll move.  
I will follow.**

### Verse 1

**All Your ways are good, All Your ways are sure,  
I will trust in You alone.  
Higher than my sight, High above my life,  
I will trust in You alone.**

### Chorus

**Where You go, I'll go.  
Where You stay, I'll stay.  
When You move, I'll move.  
I will follow You.  
Whom You love, I'll love.  
How You serve, I'll serve.  
If this life I lose, I will follow You.**

### Interlude

**Yeah I will follow You yeah**

### Verse 2

**Light into the world, Light into my life,  
I will live for You alone.  
You're the One I seek,  
Knowing I will find All I need in You alone,  
In You alone.**

### Chorus

**Where You go, I'll go.  
Where You stay, I'll stay.  
When You move, I'll move.  
I will follow You.  
Whom You love, I'll love.  
How You serve, I'll serve.  
If this life I lose,  
I will follow You.  
I will follow You.**

### Bridge

**In You there's life everlasting.  
In You there's freedom for my soul.  
In You there's joy, unending joy.  
And I will follow.**

### Chorus

**Where You go, I'll go.  
Where You stay, I'll stay.  
When You move, I'll move.  
I will follow.  
Whom You love, I'll love.  
How You serve, I'll serve.  
If this life I lose,  
I will follow.**

### Chorus

**Where You go, I'll go.  
Where You stay, I'll stay.  
When You move, I'll move.  
I will follow You.  
Whom You love, I'll love.  
How You serve, I'll serve.  
If this life I lose,  
I will follow You.**

### Ending

**Yeah I will follow You, yeah.  
I will follow You, yeah.  
I will follow You, yeah.**

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## DISMISSAL

**L** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**P** Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**C** Thanks be to God.