

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE: IN THE HOUSE

Verse 1

Good morning. Has it been a long night?
Maybe been a long year, maybe been a hard life.
Maybe you're not alright.

If you got a little red in your eyes,
You've come to the right place.
People like you, people like me,
This is where we all find grace.
Come on now.

Chorus 1

Bet you'll wanna sing "Hallelujah."
Bet you'll say an "amen."
I can't help but celebrate being born again.
There's somebody who loves you.
He's waiting at the door.
It's home sweet home here
In the house of the Lord.

Verse 2

Take a load off. You're about to find your rest.
It's a crazy world out there.
Got some hope right here, Out of the wilderness.

If you're needing water for your soul,
Well you're in the right place.
Doesn't matter if you're rich, you're poor,
Whoever you are, This is where we all find grace.
Come on now.

Chorus 1

Bet you'll wanna sing "Hallelujah."
Bet you'll say an "amen."
I can't help but celebrate being born again.
There's somebody who loves you.
He's waiting at the door.
It's home sweet home here
In the house of the Lord.

Bridge

Bring your heartache, Bring your burden.
You can lay them down at the door.
There is no fear. You belong here.
Step into the house of the Lord.

Bridge

Bring your heartache, Bring your burden.
You can lay them down at the door.
Ain't it so clear? You belong here.
Step into the house of the Lord.
Hallelujah!

Chorus 2

Bet you'll wanna sing "Hallelujah."
Bet you'll say an "amen."
Can't help but celebrate being born again.
Somebody who loves you Is waiting at the door.
It's home sweet home here
In the house of the Lord.

Ending

Bring your heartache, Bring your burden.
You can lay them down at the door.
Ain't it so clear? You belong here.
Step into the house of the Lord.

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

⬆ OPENING 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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↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

📖 Let us pray.

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

🙏 Amen.

READING: Revelation 21:1-6

📖 Today's lesson is from Revelation, the twenty-first chapter.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,

and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

📖 Word of God, word of life.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

🙏 Glory to you, O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Henry Ravita

SONG OF THE DAY: 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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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, in your mercy," please respond, "**hear our prayer.**"

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

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OFFERING SONG: AMAZING GRACE, MY CHAINS ARE GONE

Verse 1

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

Verse 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.**

Chorus

**My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.**

Verse 3

**The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

Chorus (Sing twice.)

**My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.**

Verse 4

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.**

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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

Please approach the altar, coming down the center aisle. You will be offered a wafer, and you may dip it into the chalice containing wine or white grape juice. Or, you may choose a prepackaged kit.

At home, serve yourself, saying to each other/yourself these ancient words of promise: "The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."

COMMUNION 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 AFTER COMMUNION

**✠ We give you thanks, generous God,
✠ 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

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

SENDING SONG: I THANK GOD

Verse 1

**Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide,
This weary soul, this bag of bones.
I try with all of my might,
But I just can't win the fight.
I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond.**

Pre-Chorus

**And just when I ran out of the road
I met a man I didn't know,
And He told me that I was not alone.**

Chorus

**You picked me up, You turned me around,
And placed my feet on solid ground.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
Because You healed my heart, You changed my name.
Forever free, I'm not the same.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank God.**

Verse 2

**I cannot deny what I've seen.
Got no choice but to believe.
My doubts are burnin' like ashes in the wind.
So so long to my old friends burden and bitterness
You can just keep them moving .
Nah, you ain't welcome here.**

Pre-Chorus

**From now till I walk streets of gold.
I'll sing of how You saved my soul.
This wayward son has found his way back home.**

Chorus

**You picked me up, You turned me around,
And placed my feet on solid ground.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
Because You healed my heart, You changed my name.
Forever free, I'm not the same.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank God.**

Bridge

**Hell lost another one. I am free, I am free, I am free.
Hell lost another one. I am free, I am free, I am free.
Hell lost another one, I am free, I am free.**

Chorus

**You picked me up, You turned me around,
And placed my feet on solid ground.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,
Because You healed my heart, You changed my name.
Forever free, I'm not the same.
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, I thank God.**

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✠ Nourished by the Shepherd's abundant love,
go forth to walk in the paths of righteousness.
Love one another in truth and action.
May God's abundant blessings abide in you forever.
✠ Thanks be to God.**