Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

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PRELUDE: FREEDOM REIGNS

Verse 1

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Lift your eyes to heaven. There is freedom. Lift your eyes to heaven. There is freedom.

Chorus

Freedom reigns in this place, Showers of mercy and grace falling on ev'ry face. There is freedom.

Verse 2

If you're tired and thirsty, there is freedom. If you're tired and thirsty, there is freedom. Give your all to Jesus. There is freedom. Give your all to Jesus. There is freedom.

Chorus [Repeat with singers]

Freedom reigns in this place,

Showers of mercy and grace falling on ev'ry face.

There is freedom.

Jesus reigns in this place,

Showers of mercy and grace falling on ev'ry face.

There is freedom.

Bridge

Great is your faithfulness. (Repeat ad lib with singers.)

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: WHO YOU SAY I AM

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me? I was lost but He brought me in.

Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.

Chorus

Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, Yes I am.

Verse 2

Free at last, He has ransomed me.

His grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me.

Yes, He died for me.

Chorus

Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, Yes I am. In my Father's house There's a place for me. I'm a child of God, Yes I am.

Bridge [Repeat]

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am. You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

Chorus

Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, Yes I am. In my Father's house There's a place for me. I'm a child of God, Yes I am. In my Father's house There's a place for me. I'm a child of God, Yes I am. (Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am.

Bridge [Repeat]

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am. You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

Chorus

Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed. I'm a child of God, Yes I am. In my Father's house There's a place for me. I'm a child of God, Yes I am.

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① PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING: Ezra 6:1-5

L Today's Old Testament lesson is from Joshua, the fourth chapter.

After all the people had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, ²"Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe. ³Tell them to get twelve rocks from the middle of the river, from where the priests stood. Carry the rocks and put them down where you stay tonight."

⁴So Joshua chose one man from each tribe. Then he

called the twelve men together 5 and said to them, "Go out into the river where the Ark of the Lord your God is. Each of you bring back one rock, one for each tribe of Israel, and carry it on your shoulder. ⁶They will be a sign among you. In the future your children will ask you, 'What do these rocks mean?' ⁷Tell them the water stopped flowing in the Jordan when the Ark of the Agreement with the Lord crossed the river. These rocks will always remind the Israelites of this." ⁸So the Israelites obeyed Joshua and carried twelve rocks from the middle of the Jordan River, one rock for each of the twelve tribes of Israel, just as the Lord had commanded Joshua. They carried the rocks with them and put them down where they made their camp. ⁹Joshua also put twelve rocks in the middle of the Jordan River where the priests had stood while carrying

the Ark of the Agreement. These rocks are still there

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-20

today.

—New Century Version

- L Today's lesson from Paul's writings is from his letter to the Ephesians, the first chapter.
- L I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks to God for you.
- I always remember you in my prayers,
- ¹⁷asking the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, to give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you will know him better.
 ¹⁸I pray also that you will have greater understanding in your heart
- SO [THAT] YOU WILL KNOW
- L the hope to which he has called us and
- [SO] THAT YOU WILL KNOW
- L how rich and glorious are the blessings God has promised his holy people. ¹⁹And
- **(SO THAT) YOU WILL KNOW**
- L that God's power is very great for us who believe.

- That power is the same as the great strength ²⁰God used to raise Christ from the dead and put him at his right side in the heavenly world.
- L Word of God, word of life.
- Thanks be to God.
- **☆ GOSPEL:** Luke 24:44-51 —New Century Version
- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] said to them, "Remember when I was with you before? I said that everything written about me must happen—everything in the law of Moses, the books of the prophets, and the Psalms." ⁴⁵Then Jesus opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, "It is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷and that a change of hearts and lives and forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name to all nations, starting at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I will send you what my Father has promised, but you must stay in Jerusalem until you have received that power from heaven."

JESUS GOES BACK TO HEAVEN

⁵⁰Jesus led his followers as far as Bethany, and he raised his hands and blessed them.

⁵¹While he was blessing them, he was separated from them and carried into heaven.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Miriam

SONG OF THE DAY: MAKE US ONE

Verse 1

One with the Father, one with the Spirit, One with the Son of God, One with our sister, one with our brother, One fam'ly by the blood.

Chorus

Make us one, make us one. Your will be done, make us one.

Verse 2

One heart with heaven, one mind connected, One body unified. Bind us together now and forever. Jesus be glorified.

Chorus [Repeat]

Make us one, make us one. Your will be done, make us one.

Bridge

We confess all our offenses.
We confess we've been afraid.
We repent of all our pride.
Let all the hurt be washed away.
For all the wars and violence against our enemy.
Come heal our land with Your great river.

Chorus

Make us one, make us one. Your will be done, make us one. Make us one, make us one. Let Your kingdom come. Make us one, make us one.

Restore the family and

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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."

OFFERING

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OFFERING SONG: WHEN THE STARS BURN DOWN

Verse 1

When the stars burn down and the earth wears out And we stand before the throne,
With the witnesses who have gone before,
We will rise and all applaud.

Chorus

Singing blessing and honor and glory and power Forever to our God,
Singing blessing and honor and glory and power

Forever to our God.

Verse 2

When the hands of time wind fully down
And the earth is rolled up like a scroll,
The trumpets will call and the world will fall
To its knees as we all go home.

Chorus

Singing blessing and honor and glory and power Forever to our God,

Singing blessing and honor and glory and power Forever to our God.

Bridge

Star of the morning, Light of salvation, Majesty, God of all mysteries, Lord of the universe, Righteous King.

(Repeat Bridge)

Verse 3

There will come a day, standing face to face,
In a moment we will be like Him.
He will wipe our eyes dry, take us up to His side,
And forever we will be His.

Chorus

Singing blessing and honor and glory and power Forever to our God,
Singing blessing and honor and glory and power

Forever to our God. [Repeat Chorus]

Ending

To our God. Jesus.

(Repeat)

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you. And also with you.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 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

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 AS YOU ARE

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.
Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy, O sinner, come kneel.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Chorus

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame. All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home; You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are.

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless,
And all those who've strayed:
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, Rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

Chorus

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home; You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are.

Bridge

Come as you are. Come as your are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning. O sinner, be still. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Chorus

So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home; You're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are.

Endina

Come as you are. Come as you are. Come as you are.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P 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

C 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. (REPEAT ad lib with singers.)
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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- L Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P 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.