

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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

PRELUDE: COME TOGETHER

Verse 1

It's Sunday morning, and I'm waking up slowly,
and I love my dreaming and my comfy PJ's.
Will I go to church, or will I hit snooze?
Called to be God's people, but which one
will I choose?

*Chorus: Come together, right now
it's time for church.*

Verse 2

It's been a long week and I'm really tired.
Who will really notice if I don't make it there?
God's busy, too. Surely he understands.
Should I make it to church or should I work
on my tan?

*Chorus: Come together, right now
it's time for church.*

Verse 3

God's got some good news. God's got energizing.
God's got mojo plenty for my family and me.
The questions of life, Jesus' answers I need.
Going to groove to worship
cause God's love sets me free.

*Chorus: Come together, right now
it's time for church.*

Text: Fritz Wiese Tune: Lennon and McCartney

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: 2 Chronicles 5:12-14

- L** ... All the Levitical singers, their sons and kindred,
arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals, harps, and
lyres, stood east of the altar [of the temple] with
one hundred twenty priests who were trumpeters.
- C** ¹³It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers
together to make themselves heard in unison
in praise and thanksgiving to the LORD,
- L** and when the song was raised, with trumpets and
cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise
to the LORD,

- C** “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures
forever,” the house, the house of the LORD, was
filled with a cloud,
- L** ¹⁴so that the priests could not stand to minister
because of the cloud,
- C** for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

OPENING SONG: SKIDDLES

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to
worship: Pour out your Spirit on your servants who,
with the gifts of music, enliven our praises and
proclaim your word with power. Through this
ministry give us new awareness of your beauty and
grace, and join our voices with all the choirs of
heaven, both now and forever; through your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Selections from Isaiah

- L** ²³Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout,
O depths of the earth; break forth into singing,
O mountains, O forest and every tree in it!
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob and will be
glorified in Israel. (44:23-23)
- L** ¹³Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the LORD has comforted his people and
will have compassion on his suffering ones. (49:13)
- L** ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue
of the speechless sing for joy. (35:3-7)
- L** ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and
come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. (35:10)
- L** Word of God, word of life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE PSALMS

- L** ¹ Sing aloud to God our strength;
- C** shout for joy to the God of Jacob. (81:1)
- L** ² Praise the LORD with the lyre;
- C** make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.▶

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L ³ Sing to him a new song;
C **play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**
(32:2-3)

L ³ Praise him with trumpet sound;
C **praise him with lute and harp!**
L ⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;
C **praise him with strings and pipe!**
L ⁵ Praise him with clanging cymbals;
C **praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**
⁶ **Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!**
Praise the LORD! (150:3-6)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts: 16:22-25
—*The Message*

The judges went along with the mob, had Paul and Silas's clothes ripped off, and ordered a public beating.

After beating them black-and-blue, they threw them into jail, telling the jailkeeper to put them under heavy guard so there would be no chance of escape. He did just that—threw them into the maximum security cell in the jail and clamped leg irons on them. Along about midnight, Paul and Silas were at prayer and **singing a robust hymn to God.** The other prisoners couldn't believe their ears. Then, without warning, a huge earthquake! The jailhouse tottered, every door flew open, all the prisoners were loose.

[Later Paul wrote to the churches at Colossae and Ephesus:]

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God ... [and] to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. —*Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19b-20*

↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 16:26-30**

P The Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

While the [disciples] were eating [the Passover meal], Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

²⁹ I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰ **When they had sung the hymn,** they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

SONG OF THE DAY: 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 you 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.**

Ending

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

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

- P** Let us confess our baptismal faith together.
- C** **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 grace," please respond, "**hear our prayer.**"
 When the prayers conclude, please respond, "**Amen.**"

OFFERING

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OFFERING SONG: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Verse 1

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
 And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
 There are sweet expressions on each face,
 And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

Chorus

**Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
 Stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love.
 And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise.
 Without a doubt we'll know
 That we have been revived
 When we shall leave this place.**

Verse 2

**There are blessings you cannot receive
 Till you know Him in His fullness and believe.
 You're the one to profit when you say,
 "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."**

Chorus

Verse 3

**If you say He saved you from your sin,
 Now You're weak, you're bound and cannot enter in.
 You can make it right if you will yield.
 You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.**

Chorus

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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 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

- 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 as directed by an usher.
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.*

COMMUNION SONG: I AM

Verse 1

**Oh, gently lay your head upon My chest,
And I will comfort you like a mother While you rest.
And the tide can change so fast,
But I will stay the same through the past,
The same, in the future, Same today.**

Chorus

**I am constant and I am near,
I am peace that shatters all your secret fears.
I am holy, I am wise,
I'm the only one who knows your heart's desires,
Your heart's desires.**

Verse 2

**Oh, weary, tired, and worn.
Let out your sighs,
And drop that heavy load you hold,
'Cause Mine is light.
And I know you through and through.
There's no need to hide.
I want to show you Love
that is deep and high and wide.**

Chorus

**I am constant and I am near,
I am peace that shatters all your secret fears.
I am holy, I am wise,
I'm the only one who knows your heart's desires,
Your heart's desires.**

[Repeat Chorus]

Ending

**Oh, gently lay your head upon My chest,
And I will comfort you like a mother While you rest.**

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and BENDICTION

℘ ... I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice, ►

☞ “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

℘ ¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing,

☞ “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” —*Revelation 5:11b-13*

℘ [Now] May the God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

☞ Amen.

SENDING SONG: LEAN ON ME

**Sometimes in our lives we all have pain
We all have sorrow, But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow**

*Chorus: Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long Till I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on*

**Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs
That you don't let show** *Chorus*

**If there is a load you have to bear
That you can't carry
I'm right up the road
I'll share your load
If you just call me**

**So just call on me brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'd understand
We all need somebody to lean on** *Chorus*

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℘ Go in peace, with God beside you.
Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life!

☞ Thanks be to God.