

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

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Dan Niwa, Electric Guitar James McDaniel, Drums

James Callison, Electric Guitar Donna McDaniel, Vocals

Tracee Daniel, Vocals Mark Cutler, Cello & Acoustic Guitar

Brad Milburn, Vocals & Keyboard

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

PRELUDE: SHINE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: THE RIVER

Verse 1

I know a place where we can go
To lay the troubles down eating your soul
I know a place where mercy flows
Take the stains make you whiter than snow

Pre-Chorus

Like a tide it is rising up deep inside
A current that moves and makes ya come alive
Living water that brings the dead to life, Oh oh

Chorus

We're goin' down to the river
Down to the river
Down to the river to pray

Let's get washed by the water
Washed by the water
And rise up in amazing grace

Let's go down down down to the river
You will leave changed
Let's go down down down to the river
Never the same

Verse 2

I've seen it move in my own life
Took me from dusty roads into Paradise
All of my dirt all of my shame
Drowned in the streams that have made me born again

Pre-Chorus

Like a tide it is rising up deep inside
A current that moves and makes ya come alive
Living water that brings the dead to life, Oh oh



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Bridge

Let's go down, Oo oo oo
Let's go down, Oo oo oo
Let's go down

Chorus

We're goin' down to the river
Down to the river
Down to the river to pray

Let's get washed by the water
Washed by the water
And rise up in amazing grace

Let's go down down down to the river
You will leave changed
Let's go down down down to the river
Never the same

Ending

Oh down, Oo oo oo
Gotta go gotta go gotta go down in amazing grace
Let's go down down down to the river
Gotta go gotta go gotta go down in amazing grace

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↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON: from Genesis & Matthew

📖 Our first lesson today is a collection of verses from Genesis & Matthew.

17-YEAR-OLD JOSEPH: Jacob loved his 11th son Joseph more than his brothers. Joseph was a DREAMER ...and his brothers hated because of his dreams. Years later....

30-YEAR-OLD JOSEPH: ²⁵Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream then advised, ... store up grain as a reserve supply for the years of famine. In this way the people will not starve." All came true and when the severe famine came ...
⁵⁷people traveled to EGYPT from all over the world to buy grain from Joseph.

BEFORE JESUS WAS BORN: ²⁰An angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream... and said, "... don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the baby in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus, (means 'Jesus saves') because he will save his people from their sins."

AFTER JESUS WAS BORN: ¹³An angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt, because Herod is starting to look for the child so he can kill him." ¹⁴So Joseph got up and left for Egypt during the night with the child and his mother.

📖 Word of God, Word of Life.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: from Exodus

📖 Our second lesson today is a collection of verses from Exodus.

God answered (Moses,) "I will be with you, and when you bring the people out of Egypt, you will worship me on this mountain.

When the people of Israel left Egypt ... they set up camp at the foot of Mount Sinai, ³and Moses went up the mountain to meet with God. The Lord called to him and told him to say to the Israelites, "... I carried you out of slavery in Egypt as an eagle carries her young on her wings, and brought you here to me.

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🙏 Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

📖 The Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

🙏 Glory to you, O Lord.

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain. After he sat down his disciples came to him.

²Then he began to teach them by saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them."

¹¹"Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you and say all kinds of evil things about you falsely on account of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because your reward is great in heaven, for they persecuted the prophets before you in the same way."

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: THE FATHER'S HOUSE

Verse 1

Sometimes on this journey

I get lost in my mistakes

What looks to me like weakness

Is a canvas for Your strength

My story isn't over my story's just begun Failure won't define me

'Cause that's what my Father does

Failure won't define me

'Cause that's what my Father does

Chorus

Oo lay your burdens down

Oo here in the Father's house

Check your shame at the door

'Cause it ain't welcome anymore

Oo you're in the Father's house



Verse 2

**Arrival's not the endgame
The journey's where You are
You never wanted perfect
You just wanted my heart**

**And the story isn't over
If the story isn't good
Failure's never final
When the Father's in the room
Failure's never final
When the Father's in the room**

Chorus

**Oo lay your burdens down
Oo here in the Father's house
Check your shame at the door
'Cause it ain't welcome anymore
Oo you're in the Father's house**

Bridge

**Prodigals come home
The helpless find hope
Love is on the move
When the Father's in the room**

**Prison doors fling wide
The dead come to life
Love is on the move
When the Father's in the room**

**Miracles take place
The cynical find faith
Love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room**

**Jericho walls are quaking
Strongholds now are shaking
Love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room
Love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room**

Chorus (2x)

**Oo lay your burdens down
Oo here in the Father's house
Check your shame at the door
'Cause it ain't welcome anymore
Oo you're in the Father's house**

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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 "Merciful God," please respond, "receive our prayer."

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

OFFERING

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We acknowledge that you may have given
Online or through the mail. Thank you.

**OFFERING SONG: JESUS, WE LOVE YOU****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.**

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 AT CHURCH or at home with your household

*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: THERE IS A FOUNTAIN (FULL OF LOVE)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and BENDICTION

☞ The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod ✠ bless,
strengthen, and uphold you, today and
always.

☞ **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: AS FOR ME & MY HOUSE

Verse 1

**Let our foundation be
Built on your majesty
Let every word you speak
Fill this home**

**Jesus our cornerstone
The anchor for our souls
Your glory will be shown
By our love**

Chorus

**As for me and my house
As for me and my house
We will serve you
Yeah we will serve you**

**As for me and my house
There's no turning back now
We will serve you
Yeah we will serve you**



Verse 2

**We stand on holy ground
This is where lost get found
Your goodness all around
It's pouring out**

**Your presence is new wine
The old is left behind
There's nothing but new life
To be found**

Chorus (2x)

**As for me and my house
As for me and my house
We will serve you
Yeah we will serve you**

**As for me and my house
There's no turning back now
We will serve you
Yeah we will serve you**

Bridge (4x)

**This is a house where idols fall This
is a house where dead men walk This
is a house where freedom calls Can
you hear it now hear it now**

Chorus

**As for me and my house
As for me and my house
We will serve you
Yeah we will serve you**

**As for me and my house
There's no turning back now
We will serve you
Yeah we will serve you**

Bridge (2x)

**This is a house where idols fall This
is a house where dead men walk This
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DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus'
pathway of joy and life.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**