

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

PRELUDE: SHINE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: TO THE TABLE

Verse 1

Hear the voice of love that's calling

There's a chair that waits for you

And a friend who understands

Everything you're going through

Verse 2

But you keep standing at a distance

In the shadows of your shame

But there's a light of hope that's shining

Won't you come and take your place

Chorus 1

And bring it all to the table

It's nothing He ain't seen before

For all your sin all your sorrow

And your sadness

There's a Savior and He calls

Bring it all to the table

Verse 3

He can see the weight you carry

The fears that hold your heart

But through the cross you've been forgiven

You're accepted as you are

Chorus 2

So bring it all to the table

It's nothing He ain't seen before

For all your trials all your worries

And your burdens

There's a Savior and He calls

Bring it all to the table



Interlude

Bring it all

You can bring it all

Bridge (2x)

Come on in take your place

There's no one who's turned away

All you sinners all you saints

Come right in and find your grace

Chorus 1

And bring it all to the table

It's nothing He ain't seen before

For all your sin all your sorrow

And your sadness

There's a Savior and He calls

Bring it all to the table

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↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through 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.

FIRST LESSON: Ephesians 4:31-32 & Matthew 11:28-30

L Our lesson today is from Ephesians & Matthew.

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice.³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

²⁸Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL: John 8:2-11

- ¶ The Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

Early in the morning he came again to the temple.

All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them.³The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them,

⁴they said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery.⁵Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”

⁶They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.

⁷When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”⁸And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground.

⁹When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.

¹⁰Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

¹¹She said, “No one, sir.” And Jesus said,

C “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”

¶ The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: REDEEMED

Verse 1

Seems like all I could see was the struggle
 Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past
 Bound up in shackles of all my failures
 Wond'ring how long is this gonna last
 Then You look at this pris'ner and say to me
 Come, stop fighting a fight that's already been won

Chorus

I am redeemed You set me free
 So I'll shake off these heavy chains
 And wipe away ev'ry stain
 Now ('Cause) I'm not who I used to be
 (I am redeemed)



Verse 2

All my life I have been called unworthy
 Named by the voice of my shame and regret
 But when I hear You whisper child lift up your head
 I remember O God You're not done with me yet

Chorus

I am redeemed You set me free
 So I'll shake off these heavy chains
 And wipe away ev'ry stain
 Now ('Cause) I'm not who I used to be

Bridge

Because I don't have to be the old man inside of me
 'Cause his day is long dead and gone
 Because I've got a new name a new life
 I'm not the same and a hope that will carry me home

Chorus (2x)

I am redeemed You set me free
 So I'll shake off these heavy chains
 And wipe away ev'ry stain
 Now ('Cause) I'm not who I used to be

Ending

O God I'm not who I used to be
 Jesus I'm not who I used to be
 I am redeemed
 Thank God redeemed

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

¶ 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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OFFERING SONG: FORGIVEN (INSTRUMENTAL)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- ¶ The Lord be with you.
- ¶ And also with you.
- ¶ Lift up your hearts.
- ¶ We lift them to the Lord.
- ¶ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ¶ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

¶ 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.
(including Gluten-free versions)

COMMUNION SONG: FORGIVEN

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and BENDITION

¶ God, the giver of love, ✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

¶ Amen.

SENDING SONG: HOLY WATER

Verse 1

God I'm on my knees again
God I'm begging please again
I need You, Oh I need You
Walking down these desert roads
Water for my thirsty soul
I need You, Oh I need You

Chorus

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water (on my skin)

Verse 2

Dead man walking slave to sin
I wanna know about being born again
I need You, Oh God I need You
So take me to the riverside
Take me under baptize
I need You, Oh God I need You oh

Chorus

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water (on my skin)

Bridge (4x)

I don't wanna abuse Your grace
God I need it ev'ry day
It's the only thing that ever really
Makes me wanna change

Chorus (2x)

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water (on my skin)

Ending

Yeah it's like holy water on my skin
Oh it's like holy water

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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.**