

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor
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Dana Bogdanski, Bass Brad Milburn, Vocals
Dan Niwa, Electric/Acoustic Guitar
Luanne Harms, Contemporary Worship Director
Vocals & Keyboard
P= Pastor C = All L = Leader

PRELUDE: OCEANS

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: LEAD ME TO THE CROSS

Verse 1

Saviour I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom

Pre-Chorus

Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

Verse 2

You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin in death
Now You're risen

Pre-Chorus

Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

Bridge

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

Chorus (2x)

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

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↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

Holy God, you send your Son to provide light in our darkness. Guide us to trust you to use our gifts to bring your light to all around us. This we pray through 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: Genesis 1:2-3; Isaiah 58:8,10; 1 John 3:1-2; Ephesians 5:8-9

L Today's readings are from Genesis, Isaiah, John's first letter, and Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ►

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. Beloved, we are God's children now!

In the past you were full of darkness, but now you are full of light in the Lord. So live like children who belong to the light. Light brings every kind of goodness, right living, and truth.

- 📖 Word of God, Word of Life.
- 👏 Thanks be to God.

⬆️ **GOSPEL: John 9:12; Matthew 5:14-16**

- 📖 The Gospel according to John, the 9th chapter and Matthew, the 5th chapter.

👏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

- 📖 Later, Jesus talked to the people again, saying, "I am the light of the world. The person who follows me will never live in darkness but will have the light that gives life."

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord.
- 👏 Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

⬆️ **SONG OF THE DAY: IN CHRIST ALONE**

Verse 1

**In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm**

**What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

Bridge 1

**Oh oh oh
Oh oh oh**

Verse 2

**There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again**



**And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

Bridge 1

**Oh oh oh
Oh oh oh**

Verse 3

**No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny**

**No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

Bridge 1

**Oh oh oh
Oh oh oh**

Ending

**I find my strength, I find my hope
I find my help, in Christ alone
When fear assails, when darkness falls
I find my peace, in Christ alone**

**I give my life, I give my all
I sing my song, to Christ alone
The King of Kings, the Lord of All
All heaven sings, to Christ alone**

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

- 📖 Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

👏 **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.”**

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OFFERING SONG: IN CHRIST ALONE

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: HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and BENDICTION

- ☐ 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: THE BLESSING

Verse

**The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace**

Chorus

**Amen Amen Amen
Amen Amen Amen**

Verse

**The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace**

Chorus

**Amen Amen Amen
Amen Amen Amen**

Bridge 1

**May his favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children and their children**

Bridge 2

**May his presence go before you
And behind you and beside you
All around you and within you
He is with you He is with you**

Bridge 3

**In the morning in the evening
In your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing
He is for you He is for you**

Tag (3x)

**He is for you
He is for you**



*Chorus***Amen Amen Amen****Amen Amen Amen***Bridge 2***May his presence go before you****And behind you and beside you****All around you and within you****He is with you He is with you***Bridge 3***In the morning in the evening****In your coming and your going****In your weeping and rejoicing****He is for you He is for you**

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DISMISSAL

- Go in peace. Serve in love.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus'
pathway of joy and life.
- Thanks be to God.**

