

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

April 30, 2023

9:45 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor




Luanne Harms, Contemporary Worship Director

Kendra Campbell-Milburn, Vocals Tracee Daniels, Vocals

Dan Niwa, Acoustic Dana Bogdanski, Bass Brad Milburn, Vocals

James Callison, Electric James McDaniel, Drums

Larry Peterson, Keyboard

 = Pastor  = All  = Leader

PRELUDE: HAPPY

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: RISE UP (LAZARUS)

Verse 1

In the dark and all alone
Growing comfortable
Are you too scared to move
And walk out of this tomb
Buried underneath the lies that you believed
Safe and sound stuck in the ground
Too lost to be found

Pre-Chorus

You're just asleep
And it's time to leave

Chorus

Come on and rise up
Take a breath you're alive now
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
Out from the grave like Lazarus

You're brand new
The power of death couldn't hold you
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
Out of the grave like Lazarus

Tag

Rise up rise up rise up
Out from the grave like Lazarus

Verse 2

When he said your name
The thing that filled your veins
Was more than blood
It's the kind of love that washes sin away
Now the door is open wide
And the stone's been rolled aside
The old is gone the light has come so



Chorus

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Take a breath you're alive now
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
Out from the grave like Lazarus

You're brand new

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Tag

Rise up rise up rise up
Out from the grave like Lazarus

Bridge

He's calling us to walk out of the dark
He's giving us new resurrected hearts
He's calling us to walk out of the dark
He's giving us new resurrected hearts

Chorus

Come on and rise up
Take a breath you're alive now
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
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You're brand new

The power of death couldn't hold you
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Tag (2x)


Rise up rise up rise up
Out from the grave like Lazarus

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

⬆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

 Let us pray.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name
and lead us to safety through the valleys of death.
Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in
certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared
in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

 Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:42-47

📖 Today's lesson is from Acts, the 2nd chapter.

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles.

⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

📖 Word of God, Word of Life.

👉 **Thanks be to God.**

↑ GOSPEL: John 10:1-11

📖 The Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

👉 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 [Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👉 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: ANCIENT GATES

Verse 1

There is singing at the ancient gates

There's a melody of ceaseless praise

Age to age the sound is only growing stronger

There's a throne beneath the Name of Names

There is seated on it One who reigns

And His Kingdom now is here and getting closer

Chorus 1

Praise Him like we're there in glory

Here and now He's just as holy

Jesus He's so worthy of it all

Verse 2

He exists in everlasting light

So on heaven's streets there is no night

Every tear is wiped away, we'll know no sorrow

Worship Him with joyful sound

Sing until your voice gives out

No matter where or who's around

Release your worship

Chorus 1

Praise Him like we're there in glory

Here and now He's just as holy

Jesus He's so worthy of it all

Chorus 2

Bring your song

He loves to hear it

Bring Him every prayer soaked lyric

Jesus He's so worthy of it all

Bridge (4X)

The One who was

The One who is

The One who is to come

Chorus 1

Praise Him like we're there in glory

Here and now He's just as holy

Jesus He's so worthy of it all

Chorus 2

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Bring Him every prayer soaked lyric

Jesus He's so worthy of it all

Bridge (4X)

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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 "Risen Lord, in your mercy,"
 please respond, "hear our prayer."
 When the prayers conclude, please respond, "Amen."

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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.

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 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 FOR US

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and BENDICTION

P The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,
 bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
 to live in the new creation.
C Amen.

SENDING SONG: HAPPY

Verse 1

It might seem crazy what I am 'bout to say
 Sunshine, she's here, you can take a break
 I'm a hot air balloon that could go to space
 With the air, like I don't care, baby by the way

Chorus 1

(Because I'm happy)
 Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof
 (Because I'm happy)
 Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth
 (Because I'm happy)
 Clap along if you know what happiness is to you
 (Because I'm happy)
 Clap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do

Verse 2

Here come bad news talking this and that (Yeah)
 Well give me all you got, don't hold back (Yeah)
 Well I should probably warn you I'll be just fine (Yeah)
 No offense to you don't waste your time, here's why



*Chorus***(Because I'm happy)****Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof****(Because I'm happy)****Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth****(Because I'm happy)****Clap along if you know what happiness is to you****(Because I'm happy)****Clap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do***Bridge (2x)***Uh, bring me down****Can't nothing, bring me down****My level's too high to bring me down****Can't nothing, bring me down, I said***Chorus (2x)***(Because I'm happy)****Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof****(Because I'm happy)****Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth****(Because I'm happy)****Clap along if you know what happiness is to you****(Because I'm happy)****Clap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do***Bridge***Uh, bring me down****Can't nothing, bring me down****My level's too high to bring me down****Can't nothing, bring me down, I said***Chorus (2x)***(Because I'm happy)****Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof****(Because I'm happy)****Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth****(Because I'm happy)****Clap along if you know what happiness is to you****(Because I'm happy)****Clap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do**

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

🙏 Thanks be to God.