

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE: COME AS YOU ARE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: SHINE

Verse 1

Give me a word

Give me a sign

Show me where to look

Tell me what will I find

Will I find

Lay me on the ground

Fly me in the sky

Show me where to look

Tell me what will I find

Will I find

Pre-Chorus

Yeah, Yeah

Chorus

Oh, Heaven let your light shine down

Oh, Heaven let your light shine down

Oh, Heaven let your light shine down

Oh, Heaven let your light shine down

Verse 2

Love is in the water

Love is in the air

Show me where to look

Tell me will love be there

Love be there

Teach me how to speak

Teach me how to share

Teach me where to go

Tell me will love be there

Love be there



Pre-Chorus

Yeah, Yeah

Chorus

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Oh, Heaven let your light shine down

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Instrumental

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Chorus

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Ending

I'm gonna let it shine

I'm gonna let it shine

Heaven send a light,

Let it shine on me

Heey yeah! Yeah!

Heaven send a light,

Let it shine on me

Shine

It's gonna shine on me

Shine on me

Shine

Come on and shine

Label: Atlantic

Songwriter: Ed Roland

As performed by Collective Soul

⬆️ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L Let us pray.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy.

By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Psalm 119:129-136

- 📖 Today's first reading is from the 119th Psalm.
Please join me in reading responsively.
- 📖 Your instruction is a wonder;
this is why I follow it.
- 🗣️ **Your words are a doorway that lets in light,
giving understanding to the thoughtless.**
- 📖 My mouth is wide open,
as I pant with longing for your teaching.
- 🗣️ **Turn to me, and show me your favor;
as you do with those who love your name.**
- 📖 Guide my footsteps by your word;
don't let any kind of sin rule me.
- 🗣️ **Save me from human oppression,
from those who do harm.**
- 📖 Rivers of tears flow down from my eyes,
because people do not keep and guard your teachings.
- 🗣️ **Make your face shine on me and teach me.**
- 📖 Word of God, Word of Life.
- 🗣️ **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:31-39

- 📖 Today's second reading is from the 8th chapter of Romans.
What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us,
who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son,
but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also
give us everything else?
- ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God
who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus,
who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand
of God, who indeed intercedes for us.
- ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship,
or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness,
or peril, or sword?
- ³⁶As it is written,
"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."
- ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through
him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death,
nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,
nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- 📖 Word of God, Word of Life.
- 🗣️ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

- 📖 The Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.
- 🗣️ **Glory to you, O Lord.**
- He put before them another parable: "The kingdom
of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took
and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the
seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest
of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds
of the air come and make nests in its branches."
³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom
of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and
mixed in with three measures of flour until all
of it was leavened."
⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden
in a field, which someone found and hid; then
in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and
buys that field.
⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl
of great value, he went and sold all that he had
and bought it.
⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that
was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every
kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat
down, and put the good into baskets but threw
out the bad.
⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will
come out and separate the evil from the righteous
⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered,
"Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every
scribe who has been trained for the kingdom
of heaven is like the master of a household
who brings out of his treasure what is new
and what is old."
- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord.
- 🗣️ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

~ *CHILDREN ARE EXCUSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHAPEL* ~

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: SOUND MIND

Verse 1

**In the chaos You are the peace
In my suffering You're here with me
In the darkness You never leave
God of mercy You're walking with me**



**I surrender anxiety
All the striving has to cease
In this moment You're still the King
This is the gift You are giving to me**

Chorus

**A sound mind for the spirit of fear
A sound mind so that I can see clearly
A sound mind Your Spirit is here
A sound mind, a sound mind**

Verse 2

**There's a table where we meet
In the presence of my enemies
I will listen I will feast
On every word You are speaking to me**

**I remember Who You are
You're my fortress and my God
I will stand in authority
In Jesus' Name all this darkness will flee**

Chorus

**A sound mind for the spirit of fear
A sound mind so that I can see clearly
A sound mind Your Spirit is here
A sound mind, a sound mind**

Bridge (2x)

**You saved healed delivered me
Jesus' blood wash over me
Command my soul awake arise
Use each breath to prophesy
I prophesy**

Chorus (3x)

**A sound mind for the spirit of fear
A sound mind so that I can see clearly
A sound mind Your Spirit is here
A sound mind, a sound mind**

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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 "Hear us, O God,"
please respond, "**Your mercy is great.**"

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

OFFERING

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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: BE ALRIGHT**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and BENDICTION**

P The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks
in the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: I WILL GO*Verse 1*

**I have found myself in You
The purpose for my life
I discover who I am
As Your Spirit touches mine**

Pre-Chorus

**Ev'ry step I take ev'ry move I make
You are by my side
And I will be strong
My strength is in You**

Chorus 1

**I will go where You want me to go
I will do what You want me to do
Yes I will go where You want me to go
I will be who You want me to be
Anything for You**

Verse 2

**When You ask me I will go
You show the way before me
In Your word I find the truth
You lead me on this journey**

Chorus 1

**I will go where You want me to go
I will do what You want me to do
Yes I will go where You want me to go
I will be who You want me to be
Anything for You**

Bridge

**Those who trust in You ever praising You
Will find their strength renewed
They're gonna make it happen**

**I will trust in You never stop praising You
Will find my strength renewed
I'm gonna make it make it happen**

*Chorus 2*

**I will go where You want me to go
I will do what You want me to do
Yes I will go where You want me to go
I will be who You want me to be
Yes I will go where You want me to go
I will do what You want me to do
Yes I will go where You want me to go
I will be who You want me to be
Anything for You**

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DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE