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**"Woman, you have great faith! I will
do the thing you wanted me to do."**

- Matthew 15:25-28 NLT -



Welcome and Announcements

House of the Lord

We worship the God who was, We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be. He opened the prison doors,
He parted the raging sea, My God He holds the victory

*There's joy in the house of the Lord, There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord, Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise
Oh, oh, oh, We shout out Your praise*

We sing to the God who heals, We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross, Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away. *Chorus*

('Cause) We were the beggars, Now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners, Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted, Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise. (repeat) *Chorus*

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Introducing

*This morning we have the joy of welcoming our new Youth Worker, Mark Fenske.
Pleased keep Mark and the young people of our congregation in your prayers as
Mark begins his work here.*

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd;

People: I shall not want.

Pastor: For the Lamb in the midst of the throne

People: will be their shepherd,

Pastor: and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

People: And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Lord, our God,

**People: we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son,
our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We have
failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts, words,
and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant us to
hear anew our Shepherd's voice and to follow wherever He leads, until
we see Him with You in Your eternal house.**

Pastor: Fellow sheep within Christ's fold, our Lord Jesus was God's sacrificial
Lamb and has gone through death, paying for the sins of all people, and
He now reigns in eternity. Therefore, in His stead and by His command, I
announce that you are forgiven of all your sins in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Good, Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories, Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper, Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased, And that I'm never alone

*You're a Good, Good Father, It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are
And I'm loved by You, It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am*

I've seen many searching for answers, Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers, Only You provide
Because You know just what we need, Before we say a word. *Chorus*
You are perfect in all of Your ways,
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak,
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still, Into love, love, love. *Chorus*

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Prayer

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children dismiss for Children's Church

Acts 20:17-35 NLT

¹⁷ But when we landed at Miletus, he sent a message to the elders of the church at Ephesus, asking them to come and meet him.

¹⁸ When they arrived he declared, "You know that from the day I set foot in the province of Asia until now ¹⁹ I have done the Lord's work humbly and with many tears. I have endured the trials that came to me from the plots of the Jews. ²⁰ I never shrank back from telling you what you needed to hear, either publicly or in your

homes. ²¹ I have had one message for Jews and Greeks alike—the necessity of repenting from sin and turning to God, and of having faith in our Lord Jesus.

²² “And now I am bound by the Spirit to go to Jerusalem. I don’t know what awaits me, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit tells me in city after city that jail and suffering lie ahead. ²⁴ But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

²⁵ “And now I know that none of you to whom I have preached the Kingdom will ever see me again. ²⁶ I declare today that I have been faithful. If anyone suffers eternal death, it’s not my fault, ²⁷ for I didn’t shrink from declaring all that God wants you to know.

²⁸ “So guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders. ²⁹ I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following. ³¹ Watch out! Remember the three years I was with you—my constant watch and care over you night and day, and my many tears for you.

³² “And now I entrust you to God and the message of his grace that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those he has set apart for himself.

³³ “I have never coveted anyone’s silver or gold or fine clothes. ³⁴ You know that these hands of mine have worked to supply my own needs and even the needs of those who were with me. ³⁵ And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Psalm 23

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd;

People: I shall not want.

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures,

People: he leads me beside quiet waters,

Pastor: He restores my soul.

People: He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Pastor: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

People: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

People: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Pastor: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

People: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Revelation 7:9-17 NLT

⁹ After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they were shouting with a great roar, “Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God. ¹² They sang, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength belong to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the twenty-four elders asked me, “Who are these who are clothed in white? Where did they come from?” ¹⁴ And I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are the ones who died in the great tribulation. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white.

¹⁵ “That is why they stand in front of God’s throne and serve him day and night in his Temple. And he who sits on the throne will give them shelter. ¹⁶ They will never again be hungry or thirsty; they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun. ¹⁷ For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

Matthew 15:21-28 NLT

²¹ Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely.” ²³ But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. “Tell her to go away,” they said. “She is bothering us with all her begging.” ²⁴ Then Jesus said to the woman, “I was sent only to help God’s lost sheep—the people of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, “Lord, help me!” ²⁶ Jesus responded, “It isn’t right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She replied, “That’s true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters’ table.” ²⁸ “Dear woman,” Jesus said to her, “your faith is great. Your request is granted.” And her daughter was instantly healed.

The Message - "Jesus and the Canaanite Mother"

Thank you to Rev. Vic Esperanza for leading us in worship today

LSB #711 - Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

Nicene Creed

I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

AND I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,

the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **AMEN.**

Prayers

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or sent to the office by mail or Etransfers to info@chilliwacklutheran.com*

Preparation for Communion

Today we celebrate communion once again. And once again we are reminded of the forgiveness and eternal life that we have through Jesus Christ, who offered himself up on our behalf for all our sins.

As Lutherans we do not believe that the bread and wine change into the body and blood of Jesus, nor do they merely symbolize the body and blood of Jesus. But rather, in some way that we cannot completely understand, Jesus' body and blood are present in the bread and the wine.

To help us understand, and to prepare us once again for communion, let us meditate upon the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John, chapter 6:

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks

my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever.”

We pray the Lord’s prayer together:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Distribution of the Lord’s Supper

In the Lord's Supper the risen Lord Jesus Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His own Word and promise, His very body and blood are really present in, with and under the bread and the wine. As we partake of this eternal food, we also testify to oneness in doctrine by those who receive the Sacrament together. For this reason, we ask those not instructed in our practices to speak with the Pastor before taking communion. In the meantime, you are invited to come forward, place your hand over your heart and receive a blessing from the Pastor.

Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith,
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life, And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace, Around the table of the King

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love, Around the table of the King
The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in,
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace, Around the table of the King
And so with thankfulness and faith we rise, To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ,
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven, Around the table of the King

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In Christ Alone

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.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

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 as lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand;
'til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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Jesus, Messiah

He became sin, who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross;
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Jesus Messiah; Name above all names.

Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.

The Rescue for sinners; The Ransom from heaven.

Jesus Messiah Lord of all.

His body, the bread, His blood, the wine;
Broken and poured out all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn;
Love so amazing, love so amazing. *Chorus*

All our hope is in You; All our hope is in You;
All the glory to You God; The Light of the world. *Chorus*

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Prayer & Blessing

LSB #740 - I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go, Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.



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