



First Lutheran Church

Connecting Hearts, Discovering Purpose in Christ!

***FAMILY SUNDAY
BEGINNER'S ROOM***

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

April 21st, 2024

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Reckless Love”

VERSE 1:

Before I spoke a word, You were
singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, You breathed
Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

CHORUS:

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God.
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm
found, leaves the 99.
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still
You give Yourself away.
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God.

VERSE 2

When I was Your foe, still Your love
fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth,
You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

CHORUS:

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God.
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm
found, leaves the 99.
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still
You give Yourself away.
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending,
reckless love of God.

BRIDGE (4x)

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

CHORUS:

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending
reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found,
leaves the 99
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You
give Yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending
reckless love of God

OPENING WORDS

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Jesus is here making a home among us and in our hearts.

By the power of His love! ***People Repeat***

By the power of His Spirit! ***People Repeat***

By the power of His Word! ***People Repeat***

We are here learning what it means to trust and depend on Him, to know our need for His forgiveness and mercy, to live in Grace, and to live in Love.

All: Lord, we ask for Your Grace and Mercy to make a home in us this day. Amen!

SONG OF CONFESSION

Verse 1

Most merciful God

We confess that we have sinned against You

In thought word and deed

By what we have done

And by what we have left undone

Chorus

We have not loved You with our whole heart

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ

Have mercy on us and forgive us

That we may delight in Your will

And walk in Your ways

Ending

To the glory of your Name

Amen Amen

To the glory of your Name

Amen Amen

ASSURANCE OF JESUS' LOVE & OPENING PRAYER

THEME VERSE

**All: Christ will make His home in your hearts as you trust in Him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.
*Ephesians 3:17***

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
- ³ He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for His name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father.”

Elder: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

SONG OF FAITH *Version of the Apostles' Creed*

Verse 1

I believe in God the Father
mighty and eternal Lord
Our Father is the creator
forming all things by His work
I believe in our Lord Jesus
God's only Son who came to earth
Born a man, by the Spirit,
by a virgin given birth

Chorus

Sing praise to the Father,
to the Spirit and the Son
Sing praise to our holy God,
forever three in one

Verse 2

I believe that Jesus suffered
On the cross He bore my shame
I believe that He was buried
Then triumphant rose again
Glorified, He has ascended
Seated at the Father's side
He will come again in judgement
Justice will be satisfied

Chorus

Verse 3

I believe the Holy Spirit
comes from the Father and the Son
I believe the Church is holy
One communion in God's love
I believe I am forgiven
Through the sacrifice of Christ
I believe in resurrection
And in everlasting life

Chorus (2x)

FAMILY MESSAGE

CHURCH MOUSE CHOIR

Beginner's Room

“This Little Light Of Mine”
“We Are Marching”

OFFERING

“We’re Giving”

With Kid Helpers

***We’re giving, we’re giving, to God up above.
To thank Him, to thank Him, for all His love.***

PRAYERS OF GOD’S FAMILY

Deacon: Lord, make a home in our hearts,

All: As we connect with You in prayer!

THE LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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.

FINAL BLESSING (*Sung*)

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you. May He be gracious unto you. Lift His countenance upon you and may the Lord give you peace.

All: Amen.

CLOSING SEND-OFF

All: Connecting Hearts, Discovering Purpose in Christ!

CLOSING SONG

“Home in our Hearts”

Theme Song

Chorus

Christ will make His home in our hearts
As we trust in Him
Our roots will grow into God’s Love
And will keep us strong

Verse 1

Spirit of Christ, empower us
Give us all that is Yours
Give us Your unlimited strength
Meet us with Your glory

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

Make us complete
Full of Your life
Make us complete
Full of Your love
Repeat Chorus

Verse 2

Jesus, lead us to understand
How great, how wide,
How deep, how high
How amazing is Your Love...
Meet us with Your power

Repeat Chorus

Repeat Bridge

Repeat Chorus

And will keep us strong
And will keep us strong

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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