

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ October 4, 2020 ☩ 11:00 A.M.  
Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music  
Rita DeNell and Debra Myers, Musician-Leaders

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)

**PLEASE NOTE: We will not distribute paper copies of this Worship Guide. All will be projected on the screens.  
If you would like, you could print a copy at home and bring it with you,**

## PRELUDES

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate to the number in your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." So in these days of required distancing, longing to share the Lord's Supper again soon physically together at one table of the Lord, we acknowledge communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space. This will be another form of that connection. We understand no precedents are being set in these unique times.*

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Miriam

## HYMN OF PRAISE: *The Church's One Foundation*

ELW Hymn 654

- 1 **The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**
- 2 **Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.**
- 3 **Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900 Puboic Domain

## GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
☑ **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen.**

## LESSON: Isaiah 4:1-4, 7b

**L**et me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

- My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.  
<sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

<sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ►

<sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?  
<sup>7b</sup>[The Lord] expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

**L** The word of the Lord. **G** **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

*ELW Hymn 172*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46**

**P** The Holy Gospel according Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[**J**esus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord. **G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Fritz

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

*ELW Hymn 580*

- 1** **How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call  
to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored,  
that you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.**
- 2** **But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
if worldly pressures fray the mind and life itself cannot unwind  
its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.**
- 3** **We marvel how your saints become in hindrances more sure;  
whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name,  
and by our faults obscure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.**
- 4** **In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone,  
in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you,  
the cross you hung upon, all you endeavored done.**

## 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 "Lord, in your mercy" please respond, "hear our prayer."  
 The prayers are ended with these words, "All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord." Please respond, "Amen."*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING: *Link to give:*** <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

## 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.**
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

## 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, 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.**

## SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

*As you see the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:  
 "The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

**SONG DURING COMMUNION:** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**ELW Hymn 645*

- 1** Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.
- 4** Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,  
praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:  
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Public Domain

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- P** We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved  
vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same  
Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

- P** May our Almighty and All-Loving God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
- C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN:** *How Firm a Foundation**ELW Hymn 796*

- 1** How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2** "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3** "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
- 4** "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.

Public Domain

**DISMISSAL**

- P** Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Altar Guild:**Tech Crew: Joni Siepert, Will Friedrichs, Lindsay Eggen, Carol Jensen-Linton, Bill Porter, Brad Milburn*

*Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God by Benya and Bob Spruck in memory of Kathy Streidle  
and in Memory of their parents, Elizabeth and Edward Deemer and Marjorie and Albert Spruck.*