

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ October 18, 2020 ☩ 11:00 A.M.
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☐ = 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: *God Is Here!*

ELW Hymn 526

- 1 **God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**
- 3 **Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**
- 4 **Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

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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

- ☐ Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen.**

LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-4

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ►

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

ELW Hymn 865

- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!**
- 2 God be praised for grace and favor to our forebears in distress.
God be praised, the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in God's faithfulness!**

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847, alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: *God Using Unexpected People*

Pastor Fritz

HYMN OF THE DAY: *O God of Every Nation*

ELW Hymn 713; Alternate Tune: WEBB

- 1 O God of ev'ry nation, of ev'ry race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.**
- 3 Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release
from fear, [that God may use us, his kingdom to] increase;
when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.**
- 4 Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and love shall reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.**

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

G **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, “Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus 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: *When Our Song Says Peace**ELW Hymn 709*

- 1** When our song says peace and the world says war, we will sing despite the world.
We will trust the song, for we sing of God, who breaks the spear and sword
and stills the storm of war.
- 2** When our song says free and the world says bound, we will sing despite the world.
We will trust the song, for we sing of God, who opens prison doors and sets the captives free.
- 3** When our song says home and the world says lost, we will sing despite the world.
We will trust the song, for we sing of God, who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

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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: *Lift Every Voice and Sing**ELW Hymn 841*

- 1** Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.
- 2** Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
- 3** God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

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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: Peg Schaum and Susie Lucsko**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 Kathie Manes in celebration of her son, Jack's birthday,
and by Judy Moore in honor of her son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren, Greg, Lynn, Cameron, and Kyle.*