

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

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## 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 Fritz

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

*ELW Hymn 634*

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.  
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- 2 O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.  
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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

- ☐ O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ Amen.

## LESSONS: Ezekiel 34:11, 16 and Ephesians 1:17-19

- ☐ Today's Lessons are from the Ezekiel and Paul's letter to the Ephesian Christians.

**T**he LORD God proclaims: I myself will search for my flock and seek them out ... I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered during the time of clouds and thick darkness.

<sup>16</sup> I will seek out the lost, bring back the strays, bind up the wounded, and strengthen the weak.

—Ezekiel 34:11,16 *Common English Bible*

**I** ask the glorious Father and God of our Lord Jesus Christ to give you his Spirit. The Spirit will make you wise and let you understand what it means to know God. <sup>18</sup>My prayer is that light will flood your hearts ►

and that you will understand the hope that was given to you when God chose you. Then you will discover the glorious blessings that will be yours together with all of God's people.

<sup>19</sup>I want you to know about the great and mighty power that God has for us followers. It is the same wonderful power he used <sup>20</sup>when he raised Christ from death and let him sit at his right side in heaven.

—Ephesians 1:17-19 *Contemporary English Version*

**L** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Christ Is the King!*

*ELW Hymn 662*

**1** Christ is the king! O friends, rejoice; brothers and sisters, with one voice  
let the world know he is your choice. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**4** Let Love's all reconciling might your scattered companies unite  
in service to the God of light. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46**

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

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

[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

<sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

<sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

<sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

<sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Miriam

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Christ, Be Our Light*

*ELW Hymn 715*

**1** Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

*Refrain:* Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

**2** Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain*



- 5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. Refrain**

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## **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 "Hear us, O God." please respond, "your mercy is great."  
 The prayers are ended with these words, "Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior,  
 until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever."  
 Please respond, "Amen."*

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## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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| <b>P</b> The Lord be with you.                   | <b>C</b> And also with you.                         |
| <b>P</b> Lift up your hearts.                    | <b>C</b> We lift them to the Lord.                  |
| <b>P</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | <b>C</b> 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 remotely  
 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:** *Jesus Shall Reign**ELW Hymn 434*

- 1** Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 4** Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5** Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

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**PASTORAL BLESSING****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- P** Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.
- C** Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

- P** May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.
- C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN:** *Soon and Very Soon**ELW Hymn 439*

- 1** Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King
- Chorus: Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!*
- 2** No more crying there. We are going to see the King.  
No more crying there. We are going to see the King.  
No more crying there. We are going to see the King. *Chorus*
- 3** No more dying there. We are going to see the King.  
No more dying there. We are going to see the King.  
No more dying there. We are going to see the King. *Chorus*
- 4** Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King

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**DISMISSAL**

- P** Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Altar Guild: Pat Oliver and Vickie Dauenhauer**Tech Crew: Joni Siepert, David and Sara Turk, Lindsay Eggen, Carol Jensen-Linton, Bill Porter, Brad Milburn*

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