

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

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## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONG OF PRAISE: *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Intro

Oh oh oh  
Oh oh oh

Verse 1

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart

Interlude

Oh oh oh  
Oh oh oh

Verse 2

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Bridge

You draw the hearts of shepherds  
You draw the hearts of kings  
Even as a baby  
You were changing ev'rything  
You called me to Your kingdom

Before Your lips could speak  
And even as a baby  
You were reaching out for me  
And now we are awaiting  
The day of Your return  
When ev'ry eye will see You  
As heaven comes to earth  
Until the sky is opened  
Until the trumpet sounds  
The bride is getting ready  
The Church is singing out

Verse 3

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Come Thou long expected King

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

### LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-8

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

L *The Word of the Lord.*  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,' " John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Fritz

**SONG OF THE DAY: *Glory Revealed***

Verse 1

A voice cries in the wilderness  
Prepare the way of the Lord  
And make straight in the desert a  
highway for our God  
And every valley will be raised  
And every mountain peak made low  
And the ground it will be level  
And the rough places smooth

Chorus 1

And then we will see the glory of the Lord  
All eyes will see the glory of the Lord revealed  
Oh the glory of our Lord revealed

Bridge

Go up to a high mountain  
Lift up your voice with strength  
Saying, See Your God, behold He comes with power

Candi Pearson-Shelton, 2007

**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."*

*When the prayers conclude, 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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C **Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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.”*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **BENEDICTION**

#### **SENDING SONG: Days of Elijah**

##### Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days  
Of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice  
In the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

##### Chorus

Behold He comes  
Riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call  
So lift your voice  
It's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill  
Salvation comes

##### Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest

The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the laborers  
In Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

### Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah (hey)

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### **DISMISSAL**

*L Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

