

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

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P = Pastor **L** = Lector [reader] **C** Congregation *ELW* = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)

The Holy Trinity

PRELUDE

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

GATHERING HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

ELW Hymn 413

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

LESSON: Romans 8:12-17

—New Century Version

- L** Today's lesson is from Paul's letter to the Roman Christians, the eighth chapter.

So, my brothers and sisters, we must not be ruled by our sinful selves or live the way our sinful selves want. ¹³If you use your lives to do the wrong things your sinful selves want, you will die spiritually. But if you use the Spirit's help to stop doing the wrong things you do with your body, you will have true life.

¹⁴The true children of God are those who let God's Spirit lead them. ¹⁵The Spirit we received does not make us slaves again to fear; it makes us children of God. With that Spirit we cry out, "Father." ¹⁶And the Spirit himself joins with our spirits to say we are God's children. ¹⁷If we are God's children, we will receive blessings from God together with Christ. But we must suffer as Christ suffered so that we will have glory as Christ has glory.

- L** Word of God, word of life. **C** Thanks be to God.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

—*Good News Translation*

P The Gospel according to John, the third chapter **G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

There was a Jewish leader named Nicodemus, who belonged to the party of the Pharisees. ²One night he went to Jesus and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher sent by God. No one could perform the miracles you are doing unless God were with him.”

³Jesus answered, “I am telling you the truth: no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born again.”

⁴“How can a grown man be born again?” Nicodemus asked. “He certainly cannot enter his mother’s womb and be born a second time!”

⁵“I am telling you the truth,” replied Jesus, “that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. ⁶A person is born physically of human parents, but is born spiritually of the Spirit. ⁷Do not be surprised because I tell you that you must all be born again.

⁸The wind blows wherever it wishes; you hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. It is like that with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹“How can this be?” asked Nicodemus.

¹⁰Jesus answered, “You are a great teacher in Israel, and you don’t know this? ¹¹I am telling you the truth: we speak of what we know and report what we have seen, yet none of you is willing to accept our message. ¹²You do not believe me when I tell you about the things of this world; how will you ever believe me, then, when I tell you about the things of heaven? ¹³And no one has ever gone up to heaven except the Son of Man, who came down from heaven.”

¹⁴As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior.

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

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

(The Creed and the Hymn are parts of the Sermon.)

THE NICENE CREED, A.D. 325, revised 381

I ***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

HYMN: *God, the Father of Creation, Source of Life and Energy*

Tune: *CWM RHONDDA*

I ***God, the father of creation, source of life and energy,
Your creative love so shapes us that we share your liberty.
Teach us how to use this freedom, loving children all to be, loving children all to be.***

II ***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.***

***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.***

**HYMN, 2: *Jesus Christ, our Lord and brother*, in your cross we see the way
To be servants for each other, caring, suffering every day.
Teach us patience and obedience, never from your path to stray, never from your path to stray.**

**III *We believe in the Holy Spirit*, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**HYMN, 3: *Holy Spirit*, love that bind us to the Father and the Son,
Giver of the joy that fills us, yours the peace that makes us one.
Teach our hearts to be more open as we pray God's will be done, as we pray God's will be done.**

**4 Members of our Savior's body here on earth his life to be:
Though we stand as different people, may we share the unity
OF THE FATHER, SON, AND SPIRIT, PERFECT LOVE IN TRINITY, PERFECT LOVE IN TRINITY.**

Text: Iain D. Cunningham, b. 1954.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Come, Thou Almighty King* *ELW Hymn 408*

**1 Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise;
Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**2 Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord; our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success, and let thy righteousness on us descend.**

**3 Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart, never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.**

**4 To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.**

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Lord, in your mercy," Please respond, "hear our prayer." The prayers end with these words, "We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace." 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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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

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☩ **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 the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church in the sanctuary or 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."*

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

ELW Hymn 414

- 1 Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.**
- 4 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.**

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PASTORAL BLESSING BENEDICTION

- ☩ The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
- ☩ **Amen.**

HYMN for MEMORIAL DAY: *America, the Beautiful*

ELW Hymn 888

- 1 O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**
- 2 O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.**
- 3 O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

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DISMISSAL

- ☩ Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life! Alleluia!
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

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