

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Sixth Sunday of Easter ☩ May 9, 2021 ☩ 8:30 A.M.

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

Mother's Day

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P** Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
- C** We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the **GRACE-FILLED** waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
- P** Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
- C** Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW Hymn 840

- 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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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 O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

LESSON: Dialogue for Mother's Day

L Today's lessons are from the Old Testament books, Genesis, Hosea, Deuteronomy, and Isaiah.

L "Humankind was created as God's reflection:

G **in the divine image God created them; female and male, God made them."** —*Genesis 1:27*

L "I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love.
I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks.

G **I bent down to them and fed them."** —*Hosea 11:4*

L "Like the eagle that stirs up its nest, and hovers over its young,

G **God spreads wings to catch you, and carries you on pinions."** —*Deuteronomy 32:11-12*

L "You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you;

G **you forgot the God who gave you birth."** —*Deuteronomy 32:18*

L "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb?

G Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you." —*Isaiah 49:15*

L Word of God, word of life.

G **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: All Creatures, Worship God Most High

ELW Hymn 835

1 All creatures, worship God most high! Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON Pastors Miriam and Fritz, with Director of Children and Family Ministry, Ingrid Hudson

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Our Father, By Whose Name*

- 1** Our Father, by whose name all parenthood is known,
in love divine you claim each fam'ly as your own.
Bless mothers, fathers, guarding well, with constant love as sentinel,
the homes in which your people dwell.
- 2** O Christ, yourself a child within an earthly home,
with heart still undefiled to full adulthood come:
our children bless in ev'ry place that they may all behold your face
and, knowing you, may grow in grace.
- 3** O Holy Spirit, bind our hearts in unity and teach us how to find the love from self set free;
in all our hearts such love increase that ev'ry home, by this release,
may be the dwelling place of peace.

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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 end with these words, "In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Please respond, "Amen."***INVITATION TO OFFERING:** *Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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| 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 delight, that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation; and so, with the church on earth, all creation 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

- ☞ **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: *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

ELW Hymn 735

Alternate Tune: MARYTON (ELW Hymn 818)

- 1 Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of ev'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**
- 2 Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.**
- 3 Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.**

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PASTORAL BLESSING

BENEDICTION

- ☞ **May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.**
- ☞ **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

ELW Hymn 879

- 1 For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

Refrain: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

- 4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain***
- 5 For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain***

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DISMISSAL

- ☞ **Alleluia! Christ is risen.**
- ☞ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☞ **Go in peace. Share the good news. Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life! Alleluia!**
- ☞ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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