

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

## Peachtree City, Georgia

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ☩ July 11, 2021 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor    Miriam Beecher, Pastor    David Beecher, Minister of Music

**P** = Pastor    **L** = Lector [reader]    **C** Congregation    *ELW*=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red hymnal)

### 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:** *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

*ELW Hymn 619*

- 1     I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!**  
**He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!**
- 4     He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;**  
**he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.**
- 5     He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above;**  
**he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.**
- 7     He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death;**  
**he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.**

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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, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C**     **Amen.**

### LESSON: Revelation 21:3-4; 22:1-2

- L**     This morning's lesson is from Revelation, the twenty-first and twenty-second chapters.

**I** heard a loud voice speaking from the throne: "Now God's home is with people! He will live with them, and they shall be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away all tears from their eyes. There will be no more death, no more grief or crying or pain. The old things have disappeared."

<sup>22:1-2</sup>The angel also showed me the river of the water of life, sparkling like crystal, and coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>and flowing down the middle of the city's street. On each side of the river as the tree of life, which bears fruit twelve times a year, once each month; and its leaves are for the healing of the nations.

—Good News Translation

- L**     Word of God, word of life.

**C**     **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 67:1-3**

- L** God, be merciful to us and bless us; look on us with kindness,  
**C** <sup>2</sup>so that the whole world may know your will; so that all nations may know your salvation.  
**L** <sup>3</sup>May the peoples praise you, O God;  
**C** may all the peoples praise you!

—Good News Translation

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

ELW Hymn 377

- 1** Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
 Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

*Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

- 5** City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
 river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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**GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-5**

- P** The Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter  
**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

**J**esus left that place and went back to his hometown, followed by his disciples. <sup>2</sup>On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue. Many people were there; and when they heard him, they were all amazed. “Where did he get all this?” they asked. “What wisdom is this that has been given him? How does he perform miracles? <sup>3</sup>Isn’t he the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon? Aren’t his sisters living here?” And so they rejected him.

<sup>4</sup>Jesus said to them, “Prophets are respected everywhere except in their own hometown and by their relatives and their family.”

<sup>5</sup>He was not able to perform any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them.

—Good News Translation

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Miriam

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here**

ELW Hymn 358

- 1** Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made.  
 Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.  
 We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
- 3** Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own  
 not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone.  
 We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.
- 5** Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.  
 Give us your Spirit’s liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair,  
 and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.

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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 "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

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| <b>P</b> | The Lord be with you.                   | <b>C</b> | <b>And also with you.</b>                         |
| <b>P</b> | Lift up your hearts.                    | <b>C</b> | <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>                  |
| <b>P</b> | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | <b>C</b> | <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b> |
- 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 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."*

**COMMUNION HYMN: *Shall We Gather at the River?***

*ELW Hymn 423*

- 1** **Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

*Refrain:* **Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**



**4**      **Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain***

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## **PASTORAL BLESSING**

### **BENEDICTION**

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

**SENDING HYMN:** *Come, We that Love the Lord*

*ELW Hymn 625*

- 1**      **Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord  
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.**

*Refrain:* **We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion:  
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.**

- 2**      **Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
but children of the heav'nly king, but children of the heav'nly king  
may tell their joys abroad, may tell their joys abroad. *Refrain***

- 4**      **Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry;  
we're marching through Immanuel's ground, we're marching through Immanuel's ground,  
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. *Refrain***

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### **DISMISSAL**

- ℙ**      Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
Share Jesus' gifts of joy and life with all you meet.
- ☩**      **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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*Tech Crew: Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins, 8:30; Sara Turk, David Turk, Brad Milburn, 11:00*

*Altar Guild: Carol Jensen-Linton, Jennifer Archer Denton*

*Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Ellen Pfundt in celebration of the birthday (today) of her husband,  
David Pfundt.*