

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ June 20, 2021 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.
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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = 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 Fritz

GATHERING HYMN: Faith of Our Fathers

ELW Hymn 812

**1 Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word.**

Refrain: Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

**2 The martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and conscience free;
and blest would be their children's fate if they, like them, should die for thee.** *Refrain*

**3 Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife;
proclaim thee too, as love knows how, by saving word and faithful life.** *Refrain*

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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 creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

LESSON

☒ This morning's first lesson is a dialogue of Scriptures about fatherhood.

☒ Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord. *– Jeremiah 17:7 [NKJV]*

☑ **Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.**
– Proverbs 17:6 [KJV]

☒ The righteous who walks in his integrity—blessed are his children after him! *– Proverbs 20:7 [ESV]*

☑ **As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;**
– Psalm 103:13 [NIV]

☒ The father of a righteous son will rejoice greatly, and one who fathers a wise son will delight in him.
– Proverbs 23:24 [CSB]

☑ **Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline
and instruction of the Lord.** *– Ephesians 6:4 [ESV]*

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L Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God *is* with you wherever you go. – Joshua 1:9 [NKJV]

C **Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.** – Proverbs 22:6 [NIV]

L For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has spoken to him. – Genesis 18:19 [NKJV]

C **These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.** – Deuteronomy 6:6-9 [NIV]

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *God of Our Fathers*

1 **God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies: our grateful songs before your throne arise.**

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GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

P The Gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter

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

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.”³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?”⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastors Fred and Fritz Wiese

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

ELW Hymn 640

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 "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, 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: *Children of the Heavenly Father**ELW Hymn 781*

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

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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: *This Is My Father's World**ELW Hymn 824*

- 1 This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.**
- 2 This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.**
- 3 This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!**

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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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