CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH PEACHTREE CITY, GEORGIA

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST + AUGUST 1, 2021 + 8:30 AND 11:00 A.M. FRITZ WIESE, SENIOR PASTOR MIRIAM BEECHER, PASTOR DAVID BEECHER, MINISTER OF MUSIC

 $\mathbf{P} = \text{Pastor}$ $\mathbf{L} = \text{Lector [reader]}$ $\mathbf{C} = \text{Congregation}$ ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red hymnal)



PRELUDES

Welcome to worship!

Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please pick up a communion "kit" on the table outside the sanctuary or at home 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." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

GATHERING HYMN: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

- All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
- 3 All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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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. P
- C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. \mathbf{C} Amen.

LESSON: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Re anoty but do not size do no another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal >

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for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alle-, Alleluia!

"Bugler's Dream" (Olympic fanfare)

Alle-, Alleluia, Christ has the words of eter—nal life. Alle-, Alleluia, Christ has the words of eter—nal life.

Music: Leo Arnaud (1904-1991)

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

P The Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

SERMON Pastor Fritz

HYMN OF THE DAY: In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW Hymn 650

- In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.
- In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.
- Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be. All children of the living God are surely kin to me.
- In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north; all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

- **P** Let us confess our baptismal faith together.
- 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, "We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord." 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.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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

P 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."

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COMMUNION HYMN: May You Run and Not Be Weary

Please sing twice.

May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song. And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong. And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy. And may the road you travel always lead you home.

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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.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW Hymn 618

- Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
 I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.
- Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm.
- When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore, I will raise forevermore.

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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.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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Tech Teams: Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins, 8:30; Sara Turk, David Turk, Brad Milburn, 11:00 Sanctuary Altar Guild Flowers are given to glory of God in honor of all school and Sunday School teachers.