

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ July 18, 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)

CAMP SUNDAY

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." We acknowledge communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space. This will be another form of that connection.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

CALL TO WORSHIP

<i>One: As we gather for worship, we celebrate</i>	All: A space to learn and grow.
<i>One: As we gather for worship, we celebrate</i>	All: A space to try new things.
<i>One: As we gather for worship, we celebrate</i>	All: A space to connect with God.
<i>One: As we gather for worship, we celebrate</i>	All: A space to share our story.
<i>One: As we gather for worship, we celebrate</i>	All: A space to feel the warmth of God.
<i>One: As we gather for worship, we celebrate</i>	All: A space to lean on one another.
<i>One: As we gather for worship, we celebrate</i>	All: A space to be still and listen.
<i>One: As we gather for worship, we celebrate</i>	All: A space to be welcome and worship.

GATHERING SONGS: *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High/I Will Call Upon the Lord*

Lord, I lift your name on high (Lord, I lift your name on high).
Lord, I love to sing your praises (Lord, I love to sing your praises).
I'm so glad you're in my life (I'm so glad you're in my life).
I'm so glad you came to save us (to save us).

*Chorus: You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave from the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.*

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I will call upon the Lord (I will call upon the Lord)
who is worthy to be praised (who is worthy to be praised).
So shall I be saved from my enemies (so shall I be saved from my enemies).

Chorus: The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of our salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of our salvation be exalted.

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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 Awesome God, we come this morning to celebrate and to worship all that you have done in our lives. We come, remembering the experiences and memories we have had in our lives that help us to reconnect to you. We remember hearing birds chirping in the morning; that feeling that you are right there with us! May our worship renew us, inspire us, and draw us outside of ourselves to find a special place to connect to your holy presence. For this we pray, **C Amen.**

LESSON: from Psalm 71

L We read responsively verses from Psalm 71.

L You are the King and the Lord. You have always been my hope.

C **I have trusted in you ever since I was young.**

L ⁶From the time I was born I have depended on you.

C **You brought me out of my mother's body. I will praise you forever.**

L ⁷To many people I am an example of how much you care.

C **You are my strong place of safety.**

L ⁸My mouth is filled with praise for you.

C **All day long I will talk about your glory.**

L ¹⁷God, ever since I was young you have taught me.

C **To this very day I tell about your wonderful acts.**

—*New International Reader's Edition*

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord*
Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord.

GOSPEL: John 6:27-37

P The Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter

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

[Jesus said,] Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

²⁸Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

²⁹Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

³⁰So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

³²Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴"Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

³⁵Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. ³⁷All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.

—*New International Version*

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Melissa Jacobson, Director of Youth and Family Ministries

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Peace Like a River*

1 I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.
 I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

2 I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
 I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

3 I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
 I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

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, "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.
- 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 attenders 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: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

- 1** I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.
- 2** Though none go with me I still will follow. Though none go with me I still will follow.
Though none go with me I still will follow, no turning back, no turning back
- 3** The world behind me, the cross before me; the world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me, no turning back, I'll follow him.
—based on a song from India by either an American missionary or a missionary from Assam, India

PASTORAL BLESSING**BENEDICTION**

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

SENDING HYMN: *I've Got the Joy*

- 1** I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
- 2** I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
- 3** I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart,
down in my heart, down in my heart;
I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
- 4** I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer way down in the depths of my heart,
Down in the depths of my heart, down in the depths of my heart.
I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer way down in the depths of my heart,
Down in the depths of my heart to stay. *—George William Cooke (1884-1951)*

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 Crew: Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins, 8:30; Joni Siepert and Brad Milburn, 11:00

Altar Guild: Jennifer Archer Denton

Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Carol Jensen-Linton in celebration of the second birthday of Rowan Linton, her grandson (whom she is visiting today).