

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost † August 29, 2021 † 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = 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 Are Welcome*

*ELW Hymn 641*

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

*Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain***

- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *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 our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen.**

## LESSON: Acts 8:26-40

- ☒ Our Lesson is from Acts, chapter eight.

**G**od's angel spoke to Philip: "At noon today I want you to walk over to that desolate road that goes from Jerusalem down to Gaza." He got up and went. He met an Ethiopian eunuch coming down the road. The eunuch had been on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and was returning to Ethiopia, where he was minister in charge of all the finances of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. He was riding in a chariot and reading the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>29-30</sup>The Spirit told Philip, "Climb into the chariot." Running up alongside, Philip heard the eunuch reading Isaiah and asked, "Do you understand what you're reading?"

<sup>31-33</sup>He answered, "How can I without some help?" and invited Philip into the chariot with him. ►

2 The passage he was reading was this:

As a sheep led to slaughter, and quiet as a lamb being sheared,  
He was silent, saying nothing. He was mocked and put down, never got a fair trial.  
But who now can count his kin since he's been taken from the earth?

<sup>34-35</sup>The eunuch said, "Tell me, who is the prophet talking about: himself or some other?"  
Philip grabbed his chance. Using this passage as his text, he preached Jesus to him.

<sup>36-39</sup>As they continued down the road, they came to a stream of water. The eunuch said, "Here's water. Why can't I be baptized?" He ordered the chariot to stop. They both went down to the water, and Philip baptized him on the spot. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of God suddenly took Philip off, and that was the last the eunuch saw of him. But he didn't mind. He had what he'd come for and went on down the road as happy as he could be.

<sup>40</sup>Philip showed up in Azotus and continued north, preaching the Message in all the villages along that route until he arrived at Caesarea. —*The Message*

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *I've Just Come from the Fountain*

*Refrain:* **I've just come from the fountain, I've just come from the fountain, Lord,**

**I've just come from the fountain, his name's so sweet.**

**O Lord, I've just come from the fountain, I've just come from the fountain, Lord,**

**I've just come from the fountain, his name's so sweet.**

3 **O sinner, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.**

**Sinner, do you love Jesus? His name's so sweet. O Lord, Refrain**

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**GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8**

☐ The Gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**W**hen the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Fritz

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *People of the Word*

1 LEADER: People of the word: Open up your door and welcome in the stranger.

**ALL: People of the word: Open up your door and welcome in the stranger.**

LEADER: Here ev'rybody is welcome all the time.

**ALL: Here ev'rybody is accepted as they are. Here ev'rybody is greeted with a smile.**

**Here ev'rybody is welcome all the time.**

3 ☐ People of the heart: Open up your love and reconcile your anger.

☑ **People of the heart: Open up your love and reconcile your anger.** ►

☐ So ev'rybody is welcome all the time.

☑ **So ev'rybody is accepted as they are. So ev'rybody is greeted with a smile.  
So ev'rybody is welcome all the time.**

4 ☐ People of the cross: Open up your arms and let us dance together.

☑ **People of the cross: Open up your arms and let us dance together.**

☐ Now ev'rybody is welcome all the time.

☑ **Now ev'rybody is accepted as they are. Now ev'rybody is greeted with a smile.  
Now ev'rybody is welcome all the time.**

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## OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

☐ 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 "God, in your mercy," Please respond, "hear our prayer."*

*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."*

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☐ 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

☐ ☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ▶**

- 4 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.”*

#### OFFERING and COMMUNION HYMN: *Lord, I Want To Be a Christian (8:30)*

- 1 Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; [Repeat this line, please.]  
in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**
- 2 Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart; [Repeat this line, please.]  
in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**
- 4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; [Repeat this line, please.]  
in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

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#### OFFERING and COMMUNION ANTHEM: *So Art Thou to Me (11:00)*

#### PASTORAL BLESSING

#### BENEDICTION

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

#### SENDING HYMN: *Wade in the Water*

*ELW Hymn 459*

*Refrain: Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water, God’s a-goin’-a trouble the water.*

- 1** ☞ (See those men step in, just two.) ☞ **God’s a-goin’-a trouble the water.**  
☞ (One from Ethiopia, the other, a Jew.) ☞ **God’s a-goin’-a trouble the water. Refrain**
- 2** ☞ (See that one come out all soaked,) ☞ **God’s a-goin’-a trouble the water.**  
☞ (In Jesus’ love now he is cloaked.) ☞ **God’s a-goin’-a trouble the water. Refrain**
- 3** ☞ (Look over yonder, what do I see?) ☞ **God’s a-goin’-a trouble the water.**  
☞ (the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.) ☞ **God’s a-goin’-a trouble the water. Refrain**

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#### DISMISSAL

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

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