

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost ☩ August 8, 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: *United at the Table*

ELW Hymn 498

Refrain: United at the table: all our joy is joined in song.

United in the faith: all our joy to God belongs.

**2 We will praise God, we will feast at the bountiful table of life and grace;
we will praise God and give thanks for communion with ev'ry race. *Refrain***

**3 We will praise God, we will play alleluias with rhythm and instruments;
we will praise God for the love that invites all creation to dance. *Refrain***

We will praise God, we will run with endurance and joy our life's marathon.

We will praise God and give thanks that his love gives us strength to go on. *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 Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

LESSON: Proverbs 24:13-20 and Romans 8:26-28

My child, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste.

¹⁴Know that wisdom is such to your soul; . . .

¹⁵Do not lie in wait like an outlaw against the home of the righteous; . . .

¹⁶FOR THOUGH [THE RIGHTEOUS] FALL SEVEN TIMES, THEY WILL RISE AGAIN; . . .

¹⁷Do not rejoice when your enemies fall, and do not let your heart be glad when they stumble,

¹⁸or else the Lord will see it and be displeased, . . .

¹⁹Do not fret because of evildoers.

Do not envy the wicked; ²⁰for the evil have no future; the lamp of the wicked will go out. ▶

^{8:26}Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God
²⁸WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD,
 WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

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.

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Music: Leo Arnaud (1904-1991)

GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-47

P The Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus 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.

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” ⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Don Livingston

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Guide My Feet*

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| 1 | L (Guide my feet) | C while I run this race. |
| | L (Guide my feet) | C while I run this race. |
| | L (Guide my feet) | C while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain. |
| 2 | L (Hold my hand) | C while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain. |
| 3 | L (Stand by me) | C while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain. |
| 4 | L (I'm your child) | C while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain. |

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

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| 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

- 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."*

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.

☞ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**ELW Hymn 674*

**1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

*Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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**2 Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain***

**3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *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.

POSTLUDE

Altar Guild: Betty Schmidt

Tech Teams: Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins, 8:30; Carol Jensen-Linton, Joni Siefert, Brad Milburn, 11:00

Sanctuary Altar Guild Flowers are given to glory of God by Katharine Manes in memory of John Manes.