

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ October 3, 2021 ☩ 8:30 (and 11:00) A.M.
Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music
Sanctuary Choir (8:30), Karl Dietmeyer, Musician-Leaders

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red hymnal)

Under Pressure ... and Under Promises

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: *Crashing Waters at Creation*

ELW Hymn 455

- 1 Crashing waters at creation, ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning from the brightness of night's death:**
- 2 Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage—channel to a life made new.**
- 3 Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the one foretold,
opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.**
- 4 Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, source of life eternal, drench our dryness, make us whole.**

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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

- ☐ Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
☑ **Amen.**

LESSON: Isaiah 49:10, Jeremiah 17:8, Revelation 21:6

- ☒ Our Lesson is from Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Revelation.

“They shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by **springs of water** will guide them.

^{17:8}They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the **stream**. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

^{21:6}Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the **spring of the water of life**.”

- ☒ Word of God, word of life.
☑ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Take Me to the Water*

1 Take me to the water, take me to the water, take me to the water to be baptized.

4 Glory, hallelujah. Glory, hallelujah. Glory, hallelujah to be baptized.

Text: African American spiritual

GOSPEL: John 4:7-15 and 7:37-39

P The Gospel according to John, the fourth and seventh chapters.

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

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

^{7:37}On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’”³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

ELW Hymn 611

- 1** I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.
- 2** I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3** I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav’ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

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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 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

- 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 ANTHEM: *By the Gentle Waters*

Sanctuary Choir

*By the gentle waters you will safely lead me, in green pastures feed me, knowing what is best.
 Though I often stray, wander far away, I can hear you say, "Come to me and rest."
 Though the path be rough and rugged, though the trail be dark and steep,
 Still the gentle Shepherd watches o'er his sheep.
 There's no need to fear when the Shepherd's near.
 When your voice I hear, I find comfort sure.
 Free from all alarm, sheltered from all harm, safely in your arms I can rest secure.
 With the flock abiding, all my needs supplying, comforting and guiding, leading all the way.
 Jesus, loving Shepherd, you'll forsake me never, in your flock forever I am not alone.
 Though the darkness hide me, you are close beside me.
 Gentle Shepherd, guide me 'til I'm safely home.*

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: *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*

ELW Hymn 777

1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.
 If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live."

Refrain: **Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.
 In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.**

2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary; come that I may give you rest.
 Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest." *Refrain*

3 "Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place.
 Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face." *Refrain*

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend.
 Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

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☐ 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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