

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ September 19, 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 Miriam

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

- ☐ Lord God, I am a soul under great **stress** and with a wearied spirit I cry out to you. —Baruch 3:1 CEB
☑ **Stress** and strain have caught up with me, but your commandments are my joy! —Psalm 119:143 CEB
☐ ³⁹Salvation comes from the Lord. He is our stronghold in times of stress.
☑ ⁴⁰The Lord helps and delivers those who call on him. —Psalm 37:39-40a ESV

GATHERING HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW Hymn 631

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

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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 teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
☑ **Amen.**

LESSON: from 2 Corinthians 6, 11, and 12

- ☒ Our Lesson is from the letter from Paul's second letter to the Corinthian Christians.

Commended to God, we kept ministering. We did this under great endurance through problems, disasters, and **stressful** situations [6:4-5, *CJB*] ... We faced the dangers, hard work and heavy labor, many sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, often without food, and in the cold without enough clothes. [11:27, *MSG*]

As if these external trials weren't enough, there is the daily **stress** I feel and anxiety I carry for all the churches *under my care*. [11:28 *MSG*]

However, I'm all right with the weaknesses, insults, disasters, harassments, and **stressful** situations for the sake of Christ, because when I'm weak, then in Christ I'm strong. [12:10, *CJB*]

☞ Word of God, word of life.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *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.**

**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. Alleluia.**

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GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

—*New English Translation*

☞ The Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus and the disciples] went out from there and passed through Galilee. But Jesus did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man will be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand this statement and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum. After Jesus was inside the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ After he sat down, he called the twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Healer of Our Every Ill*

ELW Hymn 612

Refrain: **Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**1 You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. Refrain**

**2 In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. Refrain**

**3 Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. Refrain**

**4 You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. Refrain**

OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

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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."

OFFERING and COMMUNION ANTHEM: *Who Is Jesus? (8:30)*

Sanctuary Choir

Who is Jesus? Friend of sinners, whom in love the Father gave;
Born within a borrowed stable, laid within a borrowed grave,
Son of God and son of Mary, Son of Man, to seek and save.



2. Who is Jesus? Man of sorrows! See his glory all put by,
Prince of life and sinners' ransom, stumbles forth to bleed and die.
Lamb of God and Love immortal, hangs upon the cross on high.
- 3 Who is Jesus? Risen Savior! To his Father's throne restored,
First-born of the new creation, Sun and star and saints' reward,
Prince of glory, King of ages, Christ the everlasting Lord!

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OFFERING and COMMUNION HYMN: *Christ, Be Our Light (11:00)*

ELW Hymn 715

- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**
- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain***
- Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*
- 5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain***

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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 My Spirit Always Sing*

Tune: DIX

- 1 Let my spirit always sing, though my heart be wintering,
though the season of despair give no sign that you are there,
God to whom my days belong, let there always be a song.**
- 3 Let your wisdom grace my years, choose my words and chase my fears,
give me wit to welcome change, to accept, and not estrange,
let my joy be full and deep in the knowledge that I keep.**
- 4 Let my spirit always sing, to your Spirit answering,
through the silence, through the pain know my hope is not in vain,
like a feather on your breath trust your love, through life and death.**

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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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Altar Guild: Jan Christopher

Tech Teams: Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins, 8:30; Carol Jensen-Linton, Brad Milburn, Joni Siepert, 11:00
Sanctuary Flowers last week were given to the glory of God by Bill and Linda Volckmann in celebration
of the birthday of their daughter, Stephanie.