

**Christ Our Shepherd
Lutheran Church
Peachtree City,
Georgia**



**October 10, 2021
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ October 10, 2021 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music
Christie and Gary Pederson (8:30), Sanctuary Choir (11:00), Karl Dietmeyer, Musician-Leaders

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

PRELUDES: *Lord, Be Glorified (11:00)*

Joyful Noise Ringers

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 on the altar rail; or at home prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for 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

GATHERING HYMN: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ELW Hymn 632

- 1 **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**
- 3 **Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**
- 4 **A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**
- 5 **Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.**
- 6 **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.**

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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

- ☐ Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
☑ **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE LESSON

- ☒ Our Lesson is from Psalms 90 and 39.
- ☒ ⁴In your eyes, O Lord, a thousand years are like yesterday that quickly passes.
- ☒ ¹⁰Our lives add up to seventy years, or eighty, if one is especially strong.
But ... they pass quickly and we fly away. Psalm 90:4, 10 *NET*
- ☒ ⁴O Lord, help us understand our mortality and the brevity of life.
Let us realize how quickly our lives will pass ... our days are short-lived.
- ☒ Even those who seem secure ... go through life as mere ghosts. They accumulate worthless wealth without knowing who will eventually haul it away. ▶ Psalm 39:4-6 *NET*

- I ¹²So teach us, O Lord, to consider our mortality, so that we might live wisely.
- II ¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your loyal love. Then we will shout for joy and be happy all our days.
- ¹⁵Make us happy in proportion ... to the years we have experienced trouble. Psalm 90:12, 14-15 *NET*

☒ Word of God, word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Day by Day*

Day by day, day by day, Oh, Dear Lord, three things I pray:

To see more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day.

Text: St. Richard of Chichester (c. 1198-1253), included in *Songs of Praise, Enlarged Edition*, 1931. Music is by Steven Schwartz and John-Michael Tebelak (1971).

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

☒ The Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Narrator: When [Jesus] had traveled on, a young man came and knelt in the dust of the road in front of Jesus.

Young Man: Good Teacher! What must I do to gain life in the world to come?

Jesus: ¹⁸You are calling me good? Don't you know that God and God alone is good? ¹⁹Anyway, why ask me that question? You know the commandments of Moses: "Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not slander, do not defraud, and honor your father and mother."

Young Man: ²⁰Yes, Teacher, I have done all these since I was a child.

Narrator: ²¹Then Jesus, looking at the young man, saw that he was sincere and responded out of his love for him.

Jesus: Son, there is still one thing you have not done. Go now. Sell everything you have and give the proceeds to the poor so that you will have treasure in heaven. After that, come, follow me.

Narrator: ²²The young man went away sick at heart at these words because he was very wealthy, ²³and Jesus looked around to see if his disciples were understanding his teaching.

Jesus (to His disciples): Oh, it is hard for people with wealth to find their way into God's kingdom!

Disciples (amazed): ²⁴What?

Jesus: You heard me. How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God [for those who trust in their wealth]! ²⁵I think you'll see camels squeezing through the eye of a needle before you'll see the rich celebrating and dancing as they enter into the joy of God's kingdom!

Narrator: ²⁶The disciples looked around at each other, whispering.

Disciples (aloud to Jesus): Then who can be liberated?

Jesus (smiling and shaking his head): ²⁷For human beings it is impossible, but not for God: God makes everything possible.

Peter: ²⁸Master, we have left behind everything we had to follow you.

Jesus: ²⁹That is true. And those who have left their houses, their lands, their parents, or their families for my sake, and for the sake of this good news ³⁰will receive all of this 100 times greater than they have in this time—houses and farms and brothers, sisters, mothers, and children, along with persecutions—and in the world to come, they will receive eternal life. ³¹But many of those who are first in this world shall be last in the world to come, and the last, first.

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Borning Cry*

- 1 “I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.”
- 2 “When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.”
- 3 “In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I’ll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise.”
- 4 “I was there to hear your borning cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.”

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937

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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

- ☐ 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.
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: How Small Our Span of Life (8:30)*ELW Hymn 636*

- 1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
a single beat within the heart, the catching of a breath,
a drop within the ocean's deep, a grain upon the shore,
a flash of light before we sleep to see the sun no more.**
- 2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your infinity;
our tick of time on earth is caught in your eternity.
While suns and stars spin endlessly through depths of cosmic space,
while aeons roll and ages pass, you hold us in your grace.**
- 4 We thank you, God, for kindling faith that lights our transient years,
illuminating our pilgrimage through mists of doubt and fears;
for hope that sees a life beyond the swiftly passing days;
for love, both human and divine, that lifts our hearts to praise.**

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COMMUNION ANTHEM: Above All (11:00)*Sanctuary Choir and Joyful Noise Ringers*

*Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things,
Above all wisdom and all the way of man, you were here before the world began.
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known,
Above all wealth and treasures of earth, there's no way to measure what you're worth.*

Refrain: *Crucified, laid behind a stone; you lived to die, rejected and alone;
Like a rose, trampled on the ground, you took the fall and thought of me above all.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

Refrain

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: *I'll Fly Away*

1 Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

*Chorus: I'll fly away, Oh Glory, I'll fly away; (in the morning).
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away (I'll fly away).*

2 When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away (I'll fly away). *Chorus*

3 Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away (I'll fly away). *Chorus*

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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.

POSTLUDE

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Tech Crew: Davida Kilgore and Dakota Atkins (8:30); Bill Grabill and Brad Milburn (11:00)

