

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

July 3, 2022 9:45 a.m.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

John Weber, Preacher

Luanne Harms, Contemporary Worship Director

Dana Frick, Assistant Director; Keyboard and Vocals

David Beecher, keyboard Dana Bogdanski, Bass

P = Pastor C = All L = Leader

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE

1
My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing.

Land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side, let freedom ring.

2
My native country, thee, land of the noble free,
Thy name I love,
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

3
Our forebears' God, to thee, author of liberty,
to thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our king.

Text: Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895). Text is in Public Domain.

↑ DIALOGUE: THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE – July 4, 1776

L When God created humankind, he made them in the likeness of God. Male and female he created them, and God blessed them and named them "Humankind" when they were created. {Genesis 5:1}

C **"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.**

L "Among these are Life ..."

C **Jesus said, "I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly." {John 10:10}**

L "Among these are Liberty ..."

C **Proclaim liberty to the captives. Bring good news to the oppressed. Bind up the brokenhearted. Proclaim release to the prisoners. ▶**

And proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

{Isaiah 61:1}

L "Among these are the Pursuit of Happiness ..."

C **The Master answered, "Come share my happiness with me." {Matthew 25:21}**

L To secure these rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness—whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it.

C **For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore ... For we are called to freedom, brothers and sisters. {Galatians 5:1}**

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Almighty and merciful God, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties working toward justice and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C **Amen.**

THE PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION

L We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America.

C **Respect the Lord your God, and do what he has told you to do. Love him. Serve the Lord your God with your whole being, and obey the Lord's commands and laws that I am giving you today for your own good. {Deuteronomy 6:12-13}**

READING: Galatians 6:7-16

L This morning's lesson is from Paul's letter to the Christians at Galatia, the sixth chapter.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ▶

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

📖 Word of God, word of life.

👉 **Thanks be to God.**

⬆️ **GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-12, 16-20**

📖 The Gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.

📖 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’” ¹²I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

¹⁶“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”



¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!”

¹⁸He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👉 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Weber

SONG OF THE DAY: AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

1

**O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.**

2

**O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life.
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness, and ev’ry gain divine.**

3

**O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev’ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

Text: Katherine Lee Bates, 1859-1929

Text is in Public Domain.

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.**

FROM PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Ⓘ "It is for us, the living ... to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought ... have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to ... take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that ... [our] dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that the government: of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

☪ **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Ⓘ "Be still, then, and know that I am God."
{Psalm 46:1, 10}

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace," please respond, "**hear our prayer.**"

When the prayers conclude, please respond, "**Amen.**"

OFFERING

Link to give: <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

We acknowledge that you may have given online or through the mail. Thank you.



OFFERING SONG

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 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 in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth
as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin
against us;
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from
evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SHARING COMMUNION

Please approach the altar, coming down the center aisle. You will be offered a wafer, and you may dip it into the chalice containing wine or white grape juice. Or, you may choose a prepackaged kit. At home, serve yourself, saying to each other/yourself these ancient words of promise: "The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."

COMMUNION SONG

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Ⓘ Life-giving God,
☪ **through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.**

BENEDICTION

Ⓘ The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.
☪ **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: BLESS ALL THE NATIONS, LORD

[Tune: *God Bless America*]

1

**Bless all the nations, Lord, you give as home.
Bless all leaders with wisdom
with the light shining bright from your throne.
Bless the homeless and the hopeless, all the children,
lost and lone.
Bless all the nations, Lord, you give as home.
Bless all the nations, Lord, you give as home.**

2

**Help us to love the world, just as you do.
Fill our hearts, Lord, with Christ's love
that we all may give glory to you.
Bless the hungry and the weary.
Show us all what we can do.
Help us to love the world just as you do;
bring peace to all the world; we trust in you.**

3

**Where people fight and die, may conflict cease.
Touch the people in all lands
with a heartfelt commitment to peace.
Heal all hatreds, calm all vengeance.
From such passions bring release.
Bless all the nations, Lord, so wars may cease.
Give to all people, Lord, your wondrous peace.**

Words: Rev. Dr. Fred Meuser. Used by permission.

Suggested by Pastor Fred Wiese.

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life!
- G** **Thanks be to God.**