



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

God and Country Sunday ☩ July 3, 2022 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor
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P = Pastor **L** = Lector [reader] **C** Congregation *ELW*=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal)

PRELUDE

Welcome to worship! This special service has been observed by Christ Our Shepherd for decades, perhaps from the church's beginnings. Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may 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

↑ HYMN OF PRAISE: *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.**

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↑ 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}**

↑ GREETING

P From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

↑ 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}

LESSON: 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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:1-9

L ¹Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

C ²**Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.**

L ³Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

C ⁴**All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."**

L ⁵Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

C ⁶**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,
and there we rejoiced in God.**

L ⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

C ⁸**Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

L ⁹Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Battle Hymn of the Republic*

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
 he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: his truth is marching on.

Refrain: **Glory, glory! HALLELUJAH! Glory, glory! HALLELUJAH!
 Glory, glory! HALLELUJAH! His truth is marching on.**

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↑ **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

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Before You, Lord, We Bow*

ELW Hymn 893

1 Before you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns above
 and rules the world below with boundless pow’r and love.
 Our thanks we bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!

3 Earth, hear your maker’s voice; your great redeemer own;
 believe, obey, rejoice, and worship God alone.
 Cast down your pride, your sin deplore, and bow before the Crucified.

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↑ **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.”
- ☐ ¹**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**
- ☐ ¹⁰“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.”

The prayers are ended with these words, “God of every time and place, in Jesus’ name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.” Please respond, “Amen.”

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OFFERING MUSIC: Land of Bounty! Land of Beauty!

- 1 Land of promise yet unfolding toward full justice, peace, and hope:
Opening doors to diverse talents; widening dreams of every scope;
Called to lift the lamp of freedom beaming bright throughout the earth;
Offering welcome in the spirit of each person’s equal worth.**
- 2 Yet when pride in freedom’s promise dares forget its moral source,
Reason risks assault by power and by hate, its worst recourse.
And when selfish lust for riches hardens hearts to others’ needs,
Stirring words may ring but hollow when not matched by caring deeds.**
- 3 We are wayward works in progress, and our faith may still be weak.
Yet repentant grace can guide us back to higher paths we seek.
Truth and wisdom for our future, fresh perspectives on our past
Are true gifts of common conscience that can heal wounds deep and vast.**
- 4 Nurturing God of all the nations, help us mend our every flaw.
Shed again your light, your mercy, on our liberty in law.
May our noblest patriot vision prize anew this treasured land,
Yet, still see in sharper focus that your Love is our command.**

A national hymn, with homage to Emma, Julia, and Katharine

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and 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 HYMN: *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.**

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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

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Tech Crews: *Davida Kilgore and Dakota Atkins, 8:30;*

Brad McCumber, Carol Jensen-Linton, Linda Volckmann, Joni Siefert, 11:00

Ushers: *Tor Brunso and John Musil, 8:30; Tom Conrad and Ben McCumber, 11:00*

Altar Guild: *Jennifer Archer-Denton, Carol Jensen-Linton*

Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Carol Talbott, in celebration of the 93rd birthday of her mother, Joyce Murry

