

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Oh! The Places You'll Go!**

***Family and Faith***



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ August 14, 2022 ☩ 8:30 A.M.  
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☐ = Pastor    ☒ = Lector [reader]    ☑ = Congregation    ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
↑ Please stand as you are able.



**PRELUDE**

*Welcome to worship! 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 Fritz

↑ **GATHERING HYMN: *God Is Here***

*ELW Hymn 526*

- 1    **God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**
  
- 3    **Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**
  
- 4    **Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,  
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

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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, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☑    **Amen.**

**LESSON: 1 Samuel 2:12, 18-20; Judges 2:6-9**—*The Message*

☞ The first reading this morning is from the letter to the Hebrew Christians, the eleventh chapter.

**E**li's own sons were nothing but trouble. They didn't know God and could not have cared less about the customs of priests among the people. . . .<sup>18-20</sup>In the midst of all this, Samuel, a boy dressed in a priestly linen tunic, served God. Additionally, every year his mother would make him a little robe cut to his size and bring it to him when she and her husband came for the annual sacrifice.

<sup>2:6-9</sup>After Joshua had dismissed them, the People of Israel went off to claim their allotted territories and take possession of the (promised) land. The people worshiped God throughout the lifetime of Joshua and the time of the leaders who survived him, leaders who had been in on all of God's great work that he had done for Israel. Then Joshua son of Nun, the servant of God, died. He was 110 years old . . .

<sup>10</sup>Eventually that entire generation died and was buried. Then another generation grew up that didn't know anything of God or the work he had done for Israel. <sup>11-15</sup>The People of Israel did evil in God's sight: they served Baal-gods; they deserted God, the God of their parents who had led them out of Egypt; they took up with other gods, gods of the peoples around them. They actually worshiped them! And oh, how they angered God as they worshiped god Baal and goddess Astarte!

☞ Word of God, word of life.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*ELW Hymn 879*

**1 For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

*Refrain: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

**4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain**

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↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32**

—*The Message*

☞ Listen for the Word of God from the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 21.

☞ **Glory to you, O God.**

[**J**esus said:] “Tell me what you think of this story: A man had two sons. He went up to the first and said, ‘Son, go out for the day and work in the vineyard.’<sup>29</sup>“The son answered, ‘I don’t want to.’ Later on he thought better of it and went.<sup>30</sup>“The father gave the same command to the second son. He answered, ‘Sure, glad to.’ But he never went.<sup>31-32</sup>“Which of the two sons did what the father asked?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said, “Yes, and I tell you that crooks and whores are going to precede you into God’s kingdom. John came to you showing you the right road. You turned up your noses at him, but the crooks and whores believed him. Even when you saw their changed lives, you didn’t care enough to change and believe him.

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Founded on Faith*

*[ACS Hymn 1048]*

**1 Founded on faith, the church—alive by grace—proclaims the gospel here and ev’ry place.  
The word of God resounds through time and space: Alleluia!**

**2 Your cross, O Christ, renews our life each day. Baptized in you, we learn and teach and pray.  
Fed by your love, with thankful hearts, we say: Alleluia!**

**3 Equipped by prayer, we live the Spirit’s call.  
Empow’red to serve with gifts, both great and small, we bring the living hope of God to all.  
Alleluia!**



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**4 Growing in grace for God’s created earth, we yearn for justice, peace, and human worth; a world restored; a FAITHFUL, caring church. Alleluia!**

**5 Founded on faith, called forth, empow’red to serve, we share God’s endless love without reserve. Then let us shout aloud the living Word! Alleluia!**

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## **THE BAPTISM OF CARTER STEPHEN HUDSON PRESENTATION**

**P** People of God, do you promise to support Carter in his new life in Christ?

**C** We do.

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C** I renounce them.

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C** 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.**

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** 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.

### **BAPTISM**

**P** Carter Stephen, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I invite the congregation to respond:

**C** Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

### **LAYING ON OF HANDS, SIGNING THE CROSS, GIVING OF THE LIGHT**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*When the petition concludes “Merciful God,” please respond, “receive our prayer.”*

*The prayers are ended with these words, “Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.*

*Please respond, “Amen.”*

### **OFFERING**

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*We acknowledge that you may have already offered your gifts electronically or by mail.*

*Thank you.*



**OFFERING MUSIC:** *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet*

*ELW Hymn 523*

*Refrain:* **Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe.**

**The table’s set and a place is waiting; come, ev’ryone, with your gifts to share.**

**1 I will rise in the early morning; the community’s waiting for me.**

**With a spring in my step I’m walking with my friends and my family. Refrain**



*Refrain:* Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe.

The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

2 God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*

3 May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love. God has called us to work together and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain*

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## ↑ 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 and join their unending hymn:
- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
- ELW page 108

## ↑ 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

- 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 AT CHURCH or at home with your household

*As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church. Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles. You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in the chalice of wine or white grape juice. You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine (as we have been using throughout the pandemic). At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise: "The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

## COMMUNION HYMN: O God, My Faithful God

*ELW Hymn 806*

- 1 O God, my faithful God, true fountain ever flowing, without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing: give me a healthy frame, and may I have within a conscience free from blame, a soul unstained by sin. ▶

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2 **Give me the strength to do with ready heart and willing  
whatever you command, my calling here fulfilling--  
to do it when I ought, with all my might--and bless  
whatever I have wrought, for you must give success.**

4 **When dangers gather round, oh, keep me calm and fearless;  
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheerless;  
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,  
and, by your Spirit's might, to live at peace with all.**

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### ↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

☞ **May 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: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

*ELW Hymn 712*

1 **Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.**

3 **As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

4 **Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

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### ↑ DISMISSAL

☞ **Go in peace. Love your neighbor. Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life!**

☛ **Thanks be to God.**

### ↑ POSTLUDE

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