

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Oh! The Places You'll Go!

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Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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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 Miriam

↑ **GATHERING HYMN: *Earth and All Stars***

ELW Hymn 731

- 1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain**

Refrain: God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

- 2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain**

- 4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain**

- 5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain**

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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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
☑ **Amen.**

LESSON: Based on Deuteronomy 6:4-8, John 15:12, and Proverbs 7:3—*Good News Translation*

READER 1: In Deuteronomy the LORD said, “People of God, remember these commandments I give you today! The Lord—and the Lord alone—is our God. ⁵Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

READER 2: And in the Gospel of John, Jesus said, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

READER 1: ⁴Never forget these commands: love God with all our heart and love each other as Jesus loves us.

READER 2: ⁷Teach them to your children. Repeat them when you are at home and when you are away, when you are resting and when you are working.

READER 1: Never forget, store them up within you: keep these teachings as the apple of your eye; write them on the tablet of your hearts; bind them on your fingers; tie them on your arms; wear them on your foreheads as a reminder; and write them on the doors and gates of your houses.

READER 2: Let us keep and remember that: The Lord—and the Lord alone—is our God.

READER 1: Let us keep and remember to: ⁵Love the Lord your God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength.

READER 2: Let us keep and remember to: Love each other as Jesus loves us.

ALL: Let us keep them and we shall have life! Let us remember to keep them and live!

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *God, We Spend a Lifetime Growing (2001)*

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

**1 God, we spend a lifetime growing, learning of your love and care,
Planting seeds you give for sowing, working for the fruit they'll bear.
Now we [celebrate your] servants who, with joy, look back and see
Years of growing in your presence, lives of fruitful ministry.**

**2 Thank you, Lord, for ones who teach us what has brought them to this place!
May their faith-filled witness reach us; may we glimpse in them your grace.
Strong in you, their strength uplifts us from our birth until life's end;
Spirit-filled, they give us gifts, as prophet, mentor, guide, and friend.**

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↑ **GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21**

☐ Listen for the Word of God from the Gospel of Luke, the fourth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Ask the Complicated Questions*

[ACS Hymn 1005]

- 1 **Ask the complicated questions. Do not fear to be found out;
for our God makes strong our weakness, forging faith in fires of doubt.**
- 2 **Seek the disconcerting answers, follow where the Spirit blows;
test competing truths for wisdom, for in tension new life grows.**
- 3 **Knock on doors of new ideas, test assumptions long grown stale,
for Christ calls from shores of wonder, daring us to try and fail.**
- 4 **For in struggle we discover truth both simple and profound;
in the knocking, asking, seeking, we are opened, answered, found.**

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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.**

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."

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OFFERING MUSIC: *Praise the Rock of Our Salvation*

Sanctuary Choir

Praise the Rock of our salvation! Praise the mighty God above!
Come before his sacred presence with a grateful song of love.
Praise the Rock of our salvation! Praise the Father's boundless love!
Praise the Lamb, King of creation! Praise the Spirit from above!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! He is God and he alone.
Wake the song of adoration. Come with joy before his throne!

||: Rock of our salvation! Your blood avails for sin.
He's at the door of mercy; he's waiting to let us in. :||

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! He is God and he alone.
Wake the song of adoration. Come with joy before his throne!

||: Praise the Rock of our salvation! Praise the mighty God above!
Come before his sacred presence with a grateful song of love.
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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: *We Thank You, God, For Teachers*

Tune: ELLACOMBE

1 **We thank you, God, for teachers, who help us learn your Way,
Who show by their example how we can serve and pray,
Who find great joy in worship, who listen with concern;
For in their loving witness, they help us want to learn.**

2 **We thank you, God, for children and older people, too,
Who value times of learning and want to grow in you,
Who seek your precious kingdom and wisdom from above;
For wise ones for all ages still seek to learn your love. ▶**

- 3 We thank you, God, for families of every kind and size,
Who keep the vows they spoke when their children were baptized,
Who pray and read the Bible, who love and serve the poor;
They teach, by what they value, the way of Christ our Lord.**

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

↑ SENDING HYMN: *Faith Begins by Letting Go*

[ACS Hymn 1004] *Alternate Tune: DIX*

- 1 Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.**
- 2 Faith endures by holding on, keeping mem'ry's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess, but by God's great faithfulness.**
- 3 Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.**

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↑ DISMISSAL

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

↑ POSTLUDE

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