

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Oh! The Places You'll Go!

JESUS' NEIGHBORHOOD



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship
↑ Please stand as you are able.



PRELUDE: Adoramus Te (Palestrina)

COS Winds

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: Blessed Be the God of Israel**

ELW Hymn 250

- 1 **Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.**
- 2 **With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.**
- 3 **My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.**

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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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen.**

LESSON: Joshua 6:1-5 and 1 Kings 18:31-35, 38-39

☐ This morning's lessons are from Joshua and First Kings.

Joshua 6:1-5

Now Jericho was shut up inside and out because of the Israelites; no one came out, and no one went in. ²The Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have handed Jericho over to you, along with its king and soldiers. ³You shall march around the city, all the warriors circling the city once. Thus you shall do for six days ⁴with seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, the priests blowing the trumpets. ⁵When they make a long blast with the ram's horn, as soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and all the people shall charge straight ahead."

1 Kings 18:31-35, 38-39

(With all the Israelites assembled at Mount Caramel and after the prophets of Baal failed to light fire for their sacrifice . . .) ³¹Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord came, saying, "Israel shall be your name"; ³²with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. ³³Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." ³⁴Then he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time. Again he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time, ³⁵so that the water ran all around the altar and filled the trench also with water. . . ³⁸Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust and even licked up the water that was in the trench. ³⁹When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The Lord indeed is God; the Lord indeed is God."

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*

ELW Hymn 519

**1 Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.**

*Refrain: Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah! Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!
Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah! Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!*

*[or English:] God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!*

**2 They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, now let them hear;
they who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word. Refrain (English or Hebrew)**

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↑ **GOSPEL: Verses featuring some key places in "Jesus' Neighborhood."**

☐ Listen for the Word of God from three Gospels.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 2:15:

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to **Bethlehem** and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

Matthew 3:13-15:

Then Jesus came from **Galilee** to John at the **Jordan (River)**, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

Matthew 4:18-20: As he walked by the **Sea of Galilee**, Jesus saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Mark 14:32, 41-42: (After the Lord’s Supper) ³²They went to a place called **Gethsemane**, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” (After the disciples kept falling asleep, Jesus came and said), ⁴¹Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand.”

Luke 24:1-5: But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to **the tomb**, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz and Elias Nawawieh

⤴ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

ELW Hymn 628

- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
- 2 O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil!
In thee no sorrow may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
- 3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks continually are green;
there grow such sweet and pleasant flow’rs as nowhere else are seen.
- 4 There trees forevermore bear fruit and evermore do spring;
there evermore the angels sit and evermore do sing.
- 5 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, God grant that I may see
thine endless joy, and of the same partaker ever be!

Text: F.B.P., 16th century

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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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COMMUNION HYMN: *Spirit of Gentleness**ELW Hymn 396*

Refrain: **Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing: “Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”**

Refrain

**3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain***

**4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.**

Refrain

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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: *The God of Abraham Praise**ELW Hymn 831*

**1 The God of Abr’ham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love—
“I Am the One I Am”— by earth and heav’n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.**

**4 Your promise you have sworn; I on your oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heav’n ascend.
I shall behold your face; I shall your pow’r adore,
and sing the wonders of your grace forevermore.**

**5 Though nature’s strength decay, and earth and hell withstand,
to Canaan’s bounds I urge my way at your command.
The wat’ry deep I pass, with Jesus in my view,
and through the howling wilderness my way pursue.**

**6 The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.**

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The tune for this hymn is a Jewish melody. The images in Stanzas 5-6 refer to Heaven, but they allude to the Holy Land.

↑ DISMISSAL

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

☞ Thanks be to God.

↑ POSTLUDE: *Missa Apostolorum* (Cavazzoni) and *Glorificamus Te and Amen*

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