

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

February 12, 2023 9:45 a.m.

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

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Luanne Harms, Contemporary Worship Director

Vocals & Keyboard

☐ = Pastor ☑ = All ☒ = Leader

### PRELUDE: GLORY BOUND

When I hear that trumpet sound

I will lay my burdens down

I will lay them deep into the ground

Then I'll know that I am glory bound

I'll be travelling far from home

But I won't be looking for to roam

I'll be crossing o'er the great divide

In a better home soon I will reside

Hallelujah

When I'm in my resting place

I'll look on my mother's face

Never more will I have to know

All the loneliness that plagues me so

So I'm waiting for that train to come

And I know where she's coming from

Listen can you hear her on the track

When I board I won't be looking back

Hallelujah

By the Wailin' Jennys

Songwriter(s): Ruth Moody

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

### OPENING SONG: THIS TRAIN IS BOUND FOR GLORY

This train is bound for glory, this train

This train is bound for glory, this train

This train is bound for glory,

All aboard for the gospel story

This train is bound for glory, this train



Leave all your fears behind on this train

Leave all your fears behind on this train

Leave all your fears behind.

Jesus' love is warm and kind

Leave all your fears behind on this train

This train done carried my mother, this train

This train done carried my mother, this train

This train done carried my mother

My mother, father, my sister and brother

This train done carried my mother, this train

All are invited, yes, on this train

All are invited, yes, on this train

Everyone's indeed invited,

By God's grace we're reunited

All are invited, yes, on this train

Words & Music: Woody Guthrie

### ☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY

☒ Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen.

### FIRST LESSON: from Deuteronomy 30 & Psalm 119

☒ Our lesson today is a collection of verses

from Deuteronomy, chapter 30, and the 119<sup>th</sup> Psalm.

Look, I've given you two choices today: you can have life with all the good things it brings, or death and all the bad things it brings. <sup>17</sup>If your heart turns away and you don't listen you will go astray.

<sup>16</sup>Instead, love the Eternal your God; live as he wants you to, then you will be blessed, because ...

<sup>1</sup>Happy are the people who choose life, <sup>2</sup>who pursue God wholeheartedly, <sup>3</sup>who do what it takes to follow his ways. <sup>5</sup>Everyday, may we say, "Oh, that every part of my life would remain on your path!"

<sup>6-7</sup>Then we would feel no shame for we would be alive, ... with pure hearts and we can give thanks to God.

<sup>19</sup>I am now giving you the choice between life and death...

<sup>20</sup>Choose life, love the Eternal your God, and listen to His voice, for He is your life!

☒ Word of God, Word of Life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

## ↑ GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37

📖 The Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“You’re familiar with the command to the ancients,  
‘Do not murder.’ I’m telling you that anyone who is  
so much as angry with a brother or sister is guilty of  
murder. Carelessly call a brother ‘idiot!’ and you  
just might find yourself hauled into court.

Thoughtlessly yell ‘stupid!’ at a sister and you are on the  
brink of hellfire. The simple moral fact is that words  
kill.

23-24“This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these  
matters. If you enter your place of worship and,  
about to make an offering, you suddenly remember  
a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your  
offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and  
make things right. Then and only then, come back  
and work things out with God.

25-26“Or say you’re out on the street and an old enemy  
accosts you. Don’t lose a minute. Make the first  
move; make things right with him.

27-28“‘You know the next commandment pretty well, too:  
‘Don’t go to bed with another’s spouse.’ But don’t  
think you’ve preserved your virtue simply by  
staying out of bed. Your heart can be corrupted by  
lust even quicker than your body.

29-30“Let’s not pretend this is easier than it really is.  
31-32“Remember the Scripture that says, ‘Whoever  
divorces his wife, let him do it legally, giving her  
divorce papers and her legal rights?’ Too many of  
you are using that as a cover for selfishness and  
whim, pretending to be righteous just because you  
are ‘legal.’ Please, no more pretending. You can’t  
use legal cover to mask a moral failure....

33-37“‘And don’t say anything you don’t mean. .... Just  
say ‘yes’ and ‘no.’ When you manipulate words to  
get your own way, you go wrong.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Miriam

## ↑ SONG OF THE DAY: CRYING HOLY UNTO THE LORD

*Verse 1*

**Crying holy unto the Lord**

**Crying holy unto the Lord**

**If I could I surely would**

**Stand on the rock where Moses stood**



*Verse 2*

**Lord I ain’t no stranger now**

**Lord I ain’t no stranger now**

**I’ve been introduced to the Father and the Son**

**Lord I ain’t no stranger now**

*Verse 3*

**Sinners run hide your face**

**Sinners run hide your face**

**Sinners run to the Lord and hide your face**

**Lord cried out “No hiding place”**

Songwriter(s): Bill Monroe and Lester Flatt

## 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.**”

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: GLORY BOUND

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**In a better home soon I will reside**

**Hallelujah**



When I'm in my resting place  
 I'll look on my mother's face  
 Never more will I have to know  
 All the loneliness that plagues me so  
 So I'm waiting for that train to come  
 And I know where she's coming from  
 Listen can you hear her on the track  
 When I board I won't be looking back  
**Hallelujah**

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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.

### 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 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 AT CHURCH or at home with your household

*Please approach the altar as directed by an usher.  
 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.  
 (including Gluten-free versions)*

### COMMUNION SONG: THE UNCLOUDED DAY

#### Verse 1

Oh, they tell me of a home far beyond the skies  
 Oh, they tell me of a home far away  
 Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise  
 Oh, they tell me of an unclouded day

#### Chorus

Oh, the land of cloudless day  
 Oh, the land of an unclouded sky  
 Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise  
 Oh, they tell me of an unclouded day

#### Verse 2

Oh, they tell me of a home where my friends have gone  
 Oh, they tell me of that land far away  
 Where the tree of life in eternal bloom  
 Sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day

#### Chorus

Oh, the land of cloudless day  
 Oh, the land of an unclouded sky  
 Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise  
 Oh, they tell me of an unclouded day

#### Verse 3

Oh, they tell me of a King in His beauty there  
 And they tell me that mine eyes shall behold  
 Where He sits on the throne that is whiter than snow  
 In the city that is made of gold

#### Chorus

Oh, the land of cloudless day  
 Oh, the land of an unclouded sky  
 Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise  
 Oh, they tell me of an unclouded day

#### Verse 4

Oh, they tell me that He smiles on His children there  
 And His smile drives their sorrows all away  
 And they tell me that no tears ever come again  
 In that lovely land of unclouded day

#### Chorus

Oh, the land of cloudless day  
 Oh, the land of an unclouded sky  
 Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise  
 Oh, they tell me of an unclouded day

Songwriter(s): The Staple Singers

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and BENDICTION

- P** The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.
- C** Amen.

**SENDING SONG: AIN'T NO GRAVE***Verse 1*

**Shame is a prison as cruel as a grave  
 Shame is a robber and he's come to take my name  
 Love is my redeemer lifting me up from the ground  
 Love is the power where my freedom song is found**

*Chorus 1*

**There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down  
 There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down  
 When I hear that trumpet sound  
 I'm gonna rise up out of the ground  
 There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down**

*Verse 2*

**Fear is a liar with a smooth and velvet tongue  
 Fear is a tyrant he's always telling me to run  
 Love is resurrection and love is a trumpet sound  
 Love is my weapon I'm gonna take my giants down**

*Verse 3*

**There was a battle a war between death and life  
 There on a tree the Lamb of God was crucified  
 He went on down to hell He took back every key  
 He rose up as a lion  
 Now He's setting all the captives free**

*Chorus 2*

**There ain't no grave could hold His body down  
 There ain't no grave could hold His body down  
 When He heard the trumpet sound  
 He rose up out of the ground  
 There ain't no grave could hold His body down  
 There ain't no grave could hold His body down**

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**DISMISSAL**

- Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.  
 Invite all to connect to Jesus'  
 pathway of joy and life.
- Thanks be to God.**