

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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James McDaniel, Drums Dana Bogdanski, Bass

Larry Peterson, Keys

P= Pastor **C** = All **L** = Leader

PRELUDE: THY WILL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: MIGHTY TO SAVE

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion

Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Ev'ryone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Saviour

The hope of nations

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2

So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

I give my life to follow

Ev'rything I believe in

Now I surrender

Chorus

Saviour He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave



Bridge

Shine your light and

Let the whole world see

We're singing

For the glory of the risen King, Jesus

Shine your light and

Let the whole world see

We're singing

For the glory of the risen King

Chorus (2x)

Saviour He can move the mountains

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↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

READING: Isaiah 55:10-13

L Today's reading is from the 55th chapter of Isaiah.

"I don't think the way you think.

The way you work isn't the way I work."

God's Decree.

"For as the sky soars high above earth,
so the way I work surpasses the way you work,
and the way I think is beyond the way you think.

Just as rain and snow descend from the skies
and don't go back until they've watered the earth,
Doing their work of making things grow and blossom,
producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry,
So will the words that come out of my mouth
not come back empty-handed.

They'll do the work I sent them to do,
they'll complete the assignment I gave them.

"So you'll go out in joy,
you'll be led into a whole and complete life.

The mountains and hills will lead the parade,
bursting with song.



All the trees of the forest will join the procession,
exuberant with applause.

No more thistles, but giant sequoias,
no more thornbushes, but stately pines—
Monuments to me, to God,
living and lasting evidence of God.”

📖 Word of God, Word of Life.

👏 **Thanks be to God.**

⬆️ **GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

📖 The Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

👏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At about that same time Jesus left the house and sat
on the beach. In no time at all a crowd gathered
along the shoreline, forcing him to get into a boat.
Using the boat as a pulpit, he addressed his congregation,
telling stories.

“What do you make of this? A farmer planted
seed. As he scattered the seed, some of it fell
on the road, and birds ate it. Some fell in the
gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn’t put down
roots, so when the sun came up it withered
just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it
came up, it was strangled by the weeds. Some
fell on good earth, and produced a harvest
beyond his wildest dreams.

“Are you listening to this? Really listening?”

“Study this story of the farmer planting seed.

When anyone hears news of the kingdom and doesn’t
take it in, it just remains on the surface, and so the
Evil One comes along and plucks it right out of that
person’s heart. This is the seed the farmer scatters
on the road.

“The seed cast in the gravel—this is the person who
hears and instantly responds with enthusiasm. But
there is no soil of character, and so when the emotions
wear off and some difficulty arrives, there is nothing
to show for it.

“The seed cast in the weeds is the person who hears the
kingdom news, but weeds of worry and illusions
about getting more and wanting everything under the
sun strangle what was heard, and nothing comes of it.

“The seed cast on good earth is the person who hears
and takes in the News, and then produces
a harvest beyond his wildest dreams.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👏 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: A DAZZLING BOUQUET

Olivia Milburn, Charlotte Pointek

~ *CHILDREN ARE EXCUSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHAPEL* ~

SERMON

⬆️ **SONG OF THE DAY: BANNER**

Verse 1

**Lord You are greatly to be praised
And Your faithfulness surrounds You
As all of heaven stands amazed
And creation bows before You
Lord we'll bow before You**

Chorus 1

**There's only one Who is worthy
Who overcomes
Who will never fail
Light of the world everlasting
Jesus You are Lord of all**

Verse 2

**For all Your promises are sure
And Your Name is our strong tower
And now salvation is secure
Through the cross forever**

Chorus 2

**There's only one Who is worthy
Who conquered death
And Who rose again
Light of the world everlasting
Jesus You are Lord of all**

Bridge

**So let our praise build an altar
Christ forever and no other
Jesus Your Name
Be the banner over us**

**Great in mercy great in power
Christ forever what a Savior
Jesus Your Name
Be the banner over us
Be the banner over us**



Chorus 3

**There's only one Who is worthy
Who is our King
Who will come again
Light of the world everlasting
Jesus You are Lord of all**

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

- P** Let us confess our baptismal faith together.
- C** **I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it . . .**
I believe in God, the almighty Lord Creator . . .
I believe in Jesus, the Savior of the people . . .
And I do believe in the power of the Spirit . . .
I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it . . .

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God,"
please respond, "**Your mercy is great.**"

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.

**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: CLEANSED**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and BENDICTION**

- P** The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks
in the smallest seed ✠ bless, keep, and sustain you
now and to the end of the age.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: WHO YOU SAY I AM

Verse 1

Who am I

That the highest King

Would welcome me

I was lost but He brought me in

Oh His love for me

Oh His love for me



Chorus 1

**Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**

Verse 2

**Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me**

Chorus 2

**Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**

**In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**

Bridge (2x)

**I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am**

Tag

I am who you say I am

Chorus 2

**Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**

Ending

**In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**

DISMISSAL

- L** Go in peace. Serve in love.
Invite all to join in connecting
to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE