

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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☐ = Pastor ☑ = All ☒ = Leader

PRELUDE: WHAT HE'S DONE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: GOODNESS OF GOD

Verse 1

I love You Lord

Oh Your mercy never fails me

All my days

I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been so so good

With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice

You have led me through the fire

In darkest night

You are close like no other

I've known You as a father

I've known You as a friend

I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been so so good

With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God

Bridge (2x)

Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

Your goodness is running after

It's running after me



With my life laid down

I'm surrendered now

I give You everything

Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

Chorus 2

All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been so so good

With every breath that I am able

Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

Chorus 3

All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been so so good

With every breath that I am able

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

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⬆ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☒ Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

☒ Today's reading is from the 44th chapter of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

☒ Word of God, Word of Life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

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

🎵 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’

²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.

³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered,

“The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎵 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: GOOD GOOD FATHER**

Verse 1

**I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night**

**You tell me
That You're pleased
And that I'm never alone**

Chorus

**You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are**

**And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am**

Verse 2

**I've seen many searching
For answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching
For answers only You provide**

**Because You know
Just what we need
Before we say a word**

Chorus

**You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are**

**And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am**

Bridge (2x)

**You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us**

Verse 3

**Love so undeniable
I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I can hardly think**

**As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love**



Chorus (3x)

You're a Good Good Father

It's who You are

It's who You are

It's who You are

And I'm loved by You

It's who I am

It's who I am

It's who I am

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

P Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

C **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 "Hear us, O God,"
please respond, "**Your mercy is great.**"

When the prayers conclude, please respond, "**Amen.**"

OFFERING

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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: NEW WINE

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: RAISE A HALLELUJAH

Verse 1

I raise a hallelujah

In the presence of my enemies

I raise a hallelujah

Louder than the unbelief

I raise a hallelujah

My weapon is a melody

I raise a hallelujah

Heaven comes to fight for me



Chorus

**I'm gonna sing
In the middle of the storm
Louder and louder
You're gonna hear my praises roar**

**Up from the ashes
Hope will arise
Death is defeated
The King is alive**

Verse 2

**I raise a hallelujah
With everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah
I will watch the darkness flee**

**I raise a hallelujah
In the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah
Fear you lost your hold on me**

Chorus

**I'm gonna sing
In the middle of the storm
Louder and louder
You're gonna hear my praises roar**

**Up from the ashes
Hope will arise
Death is defeated
The King is alive**

Bridge 1

**Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)**

Bridge 2

**Sing a little louder
(In the presence of my enemies)
Sing a little louder
(Louder than the unbelief)
Sing a little louder
(My weapon is a melody)
Sing a little louder
(Heaven comes to fight for me)**

Tag

Sing a little louder

Chorus

**I'm gonna sing
In the middle of the storm
Louder and louder
You're gonna hear my praises roar**



**Up from the ashes
Hope will arise
Death is defeated
The King is alive**

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DISMISSAL

- Go in peace. Serve in love.
Invite all to join in connecting
to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE