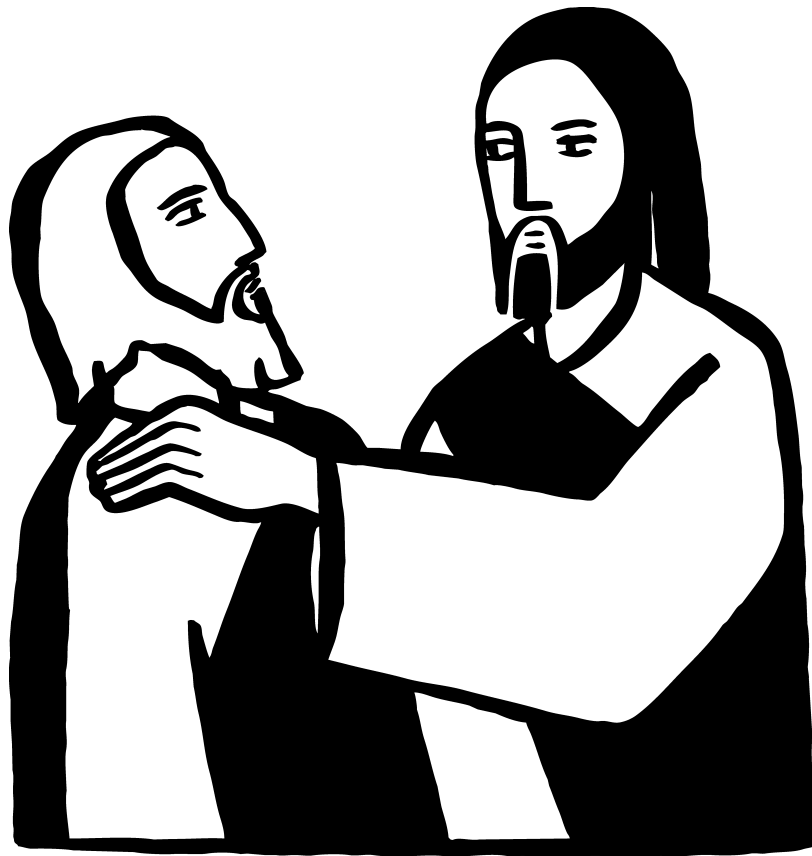


THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
Instrumental Music Sunday



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia  
August 27, 2023  
8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor    Miriam Beecher, Pastor  
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music  
Karl Dietmeyer, Conductor COS Winds

**P** = Pastor    **L** = Lector [reader]    **C** Congregation    *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*  
↑ Please stand as you are able.

**PRELUDE** (8:30) *Bach Chorales*  
(11:00) *Joyful, Joyful*

*COS Winds*  
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*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

↑ **EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

↑ **GATHERING HYMN:** *The Church's One Foundation*

*ELW Hymn 654*

- 1**     **The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**
- 2**     **Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.**
- 3**     **Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**

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↑ **GREETING**

- P**     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C**     **And also with you.**

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P**     O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**C**     **Amen.**

**READING: Exodus 1:9-2:10 from *The Voice***

- L**     The Old Testament reading is from Exodus, the 1st and 2nd chapters

**Narrator:** Years after Joseph and his family settled in Egypt, the Israelites grew in number. They grew to be so many that the Egyptians started taking notice and the Egyptians became angry! The Egyptian king, Pharaoh, decided that strong measures were necessary.



**Pharaoh:** <sup>9</sup> Look! There are more Israelites than ever before, and they are growing more powerful than we are. <sup>10</sup> We need to be careful in our dealings with them. Otherwise, they may grow even greater in number, and in a time of war join forces with our enemies, fight against us, and then leave the land.

**Narrator:** <sup>11</sup> So the Egyptian authorities enslaved the Israelites and appointed cruel slave drivers over them to oppress them with hard, back-breaking labor.

<sup>12</sup> But the harder the slave drivers pushed the Israelites, the more rapidly they had children and spread throughout the land. Because of this, the Egyptians grew to hate the Israelites even more <sup>13</sup> and violently forced them to work to make the Hebrews miserable.

<sup>15</sup> Finally, Pharaoh came up with a plan.

**Pharaoh:** <sup>16</sup> Listen closely. I do not want there to be any more Israelite boys or else they will grow up and fight me! Every boy who is born to the Hebrews must be thrown into the Nile, and every girl is to be left alive.

**Narrator:** One day a man and woman from the Hebrew tribe of Levi got married. <sup>2</sup> She became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When the mother saw that her son was healthy and beautiful, she feared for his safety; so she kept him hidden from view for three whole months.

<sup>3</sup> When she could no longer keep her boy baby hidden away, she took a basket made of reeds, sealed it with tar and pitch, and placed her baby boy in it. Then she wedged the basket among the reeds along the edge of the Nile River. <sup>4</sup> All the while, the child's sister, whose name was Miriam, watched from a distance to see what might happen to her baby brother.

<sup>5</sup> Later on Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river while her young attendants walked along the bank nearby. Pharaoh's daughter noticed the basket wedged among the reeds and wondered what it might contain. She instructed her maid to bring the basket to her. <sup>6</sup> When Pharaoh's daughter opened the basket, she found the baby boy. He was crying, and her heart melted with compassion.

**Pharaoh's Daughter:** This is a Hebrew child! What a beautiful baby boy he is!

**Narrator:** Then the baby's sister, Miriam, came out of her hiding place.

**Miriam:** Would you like me to find a Hebrew woman to nurse the child for you?

**Pharaoh's Daughter:** All right. Yes! Go find a nurse!

**Narrator:** So, the baby's sister went and fetched the baby's own mother to be the nurse.

**Pharaoh's Daughter** (to the nurse): <sup>9</sup> Here! Take this child and nurse him for me, and I will pay you for your services.

**Narrator:** So, the woman took the child—who was secretly her own son—and nursed him just as Pharaoh's daughter had instructed.

<sup>10</sup> The boy grew, and when the time was right, the woman brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she adopted him as her own. She named him Moses because, as she explained, "I took him out of the water."

📖 Word of God, Word of Life.

🙏 Thanks be to God

⬆️ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Built on a Rock*

*ELW Hymn 652*

**1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, even when steeples are falling;  
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, bells still are chiming and calling—  
calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed,  
longing for life everlasting.**

**3 Christ builds a house of living stones: we are his own habitation;  
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation.  
Where two or three will seek his face, he in their midst will show his grace,  
blessings upon them bestowing.**

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↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter. ☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**N**ow when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”<sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”<sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.<sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.<sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”<sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord. ☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*11:00-Children go to Children’s Chapel*

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Faith of Our Fathers*

*ELW Hymn 813*

- 1 **Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.**
- 2 **Faith of our mothers, daring faith, your work for Christ is love revealed,  
spreading God's word from pole to pole, making love known and freedom real.  
Faith of our mothers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.**
- 3 **Faith of our sisters, brothers too, who still must bear oppression's might,  
raising on high, in prisons dark, the cross of Christ still burning bright.  
Faith for today, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.**
- 4 **Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who follow you,  
sharing the struggle of your cross until the world is made anew.  
Faith born of God, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.**

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

*The prayers are ended with these words, "Into your hands, ... in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior." Please respond, "Amen."*

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

We acknowledge that you may have already offered your gifts electronically or by mail. Thank you.

*Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>



**OFFERING MUSIC** (8:30) *Joyful, Joyful*  
(11:00) *With a Voice of Singing, Martin Shaw*

*COS Winds  
Sanctuary choir*

## ↑ 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, hosanna in the highest**  
—ELW Hymn #193

## ↑ 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 WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

*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 either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice.*

*You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.*

*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:** *This Is Christ's Body*

*ACS Hymn 967*

**This is Christ's body, broken and blest. Feed us with mercy and love.  
We are Christ's body, broken and blest. Heal us and make us one. (sing 3 times)**

- 1 O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor, all other names above:  
we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.**
- 2 O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought,  
thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought:  
we worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;  
we praise thee and confess thee, our gracious Lord and King.**
- 4 Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above,  
in endless adoration and everlasting love;  
then shall we praise and bless thee where perfect praises ring,  
and evermore confess thee, our Savior and our King!**

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#### ↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- ☞ 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. ☛ Amen.

#### ↑ SENDING HYMN: *The Church's One Foundation*

ELW Hymn 654

- 4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**
- 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.**

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#### ↑ SENDING

- ☞ Go in peace. Share the harvest. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.  
☛ Thanks be to God.

#### ↑ POSTLUDE

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*Ushers: Bob Spruck, Buddy Troy (8:30); Pat and Mike Oliver (11:00)*