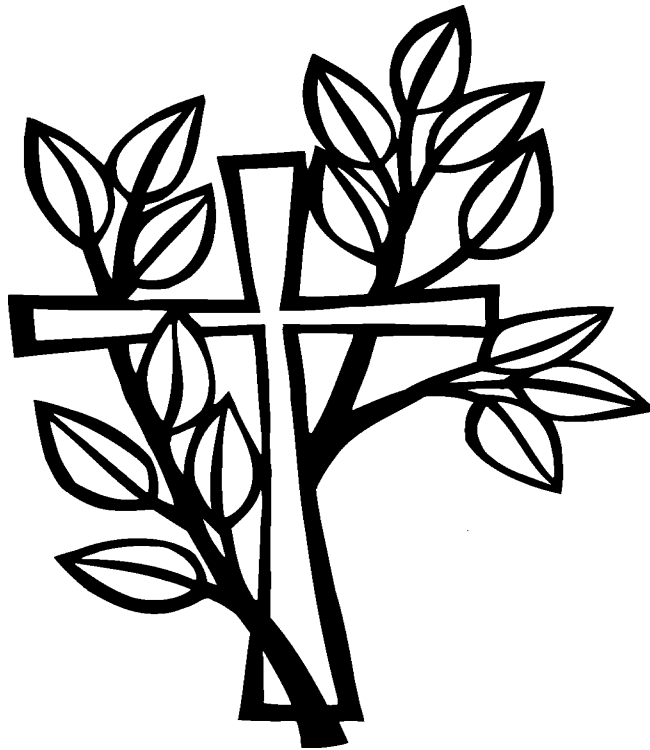


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
September 3, 2023
8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

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

PRELUDE

*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: *Praise the Lord! O Heavens*

ELW Hymn 823

- 1** Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, adore him; praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him; praise him, gleaming stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken for their guidance he has made.
- 2** Praise the Lord, for he is gracious; never shall his promise fail.
God has made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
heav'n and earth, and all creation, laud and magnify his name!

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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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

READING: Romans 12:9-21

- L** The New Testament reading is from Romans, the twelfth chapter.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; ►

if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.”²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

📖 Word of God, Word of Life. 🎵 **Thanks be to God**

⬆️ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Spirit, Open My Heart*

ACS Hymn 1043

Refrain

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

**2 Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. Refrain**

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⬆️ **GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**

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

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.”²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

📖 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:** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW Hymn 798

**1 “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

**2 “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?”**

Hymn continues on next page.

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3 “Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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8:30 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Hudson Daniel Murphy

↑ 11:00 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 “Merciful God,,” please respond, “Receive our prayer.”
The prayers are ended with these words, “Remember us according to your steadfast love ... through
Jesus Christ.” Please respond, “Amen.”*

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OFFERING MUSIC *Nothing/Something*

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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.

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: *In the Singing*

ELW Hymn 466

- 1** In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at this table,

Refrain

**Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**

- 2** In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people, *Refrain*

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COMMUNION HYMN: *Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone*

TFF Hymn 237

- 1** Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for ev'ryone, and there's a cross for me.
- 2** The consecrated cross I'll bear till death shall set me free;
and then go home my crown to wear, for there's a crown for me.
- 3** Upon the crystal pavement, down at Jesus' piercèd feet,
joyful, I'll cast my golden crown and his dear name repeat.

Hymn continues on next page.

**4 Oh, precious cross! Oh, glorious crown! Oh, resurrection day!
Ye angels, from the stars come down and bear my soul away.**

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- ☞** The God of glory, **✝** Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.
- ☞** **Amen.**

↑ SENDING HYMN: *All Our Way and All Our Being* (hymn tune: *HYFRYDOL*)

- 1 All our work and all our being come from you, most gracious Lord.
Ev'ry task which lies before us is Creator's will outpoured.
Help us as we build your kingdom know we labor not in vain;
give us sure and deep conviction for the tasks that you ordain.**
- 2 Some may nurture those who hunger, tend and heal the broken heart;
set our flagging spirits dancing, spark our vision through their art.
Others teach and offer counsel, bear life's burdens, ease its care;
strive for justice, peace, and freedom for all people ev'rywhere.**
- 3 Let us labor in the knowledge that no task can be too small;
that the God who stretched the heavens no less shaped the least of all.
Give us strength, Lord, to accomplish what you set our hands to do,
that by serving those around us, we return the gift to you.**

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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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Altar Guild: Pat Oliver

Lector: Bill Grabill (8:30); Kayleigh Pointek (11:00)

Tech crew: Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins (8:30)

Carol Linton-Jensen, Joni Siepert, Brad Milburn, (11:00)

Ushers: Tor Bunso, Cindy Gunderson (8:30); Pat and Mike Oliver (11:00)

Altar flowers given by Kathie Manes in honor of Jackson's birthday.