

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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☐ = Pastor ☑ = All ☒ = Leader

PRELUDE: GOD I LOOK TO YOU

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: HOLY SPIRIT

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more

That will ever come close

No thing can compare

You're our living hope

Your Presence

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen

of the sweetest of loves

Where my heart becomes free

And my shame is undone

In Your Presence Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit You are welcome here

Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere

Your glory God is what our hearts long for

To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Your Presence Lord

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Your Presence Lord

Bridge (4x)

Let us become more aware of Your Presence

Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

Ending

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Your glory God is what our hearts long for

To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

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⬆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

☒ Let us pray.

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.

☑ Amen.

READING: from Exodus 1:8-2:10

☒ 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: Look! There are more Israelites than ever before, and they are growing more powerful than we are. 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: So the Egyptian authorities enslaved the Israelites and appointed cruel slave drivers over them to oppress them with hard, back-breaking labor. 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 and violently forced them to work to make the Hebrews miserable. Finally, Pharaoh came up with a plan.



Pharaoh: 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. 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. 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. All the while, the child's sister, whose name was Miriam, watched from a distance to see what might happen to her baby brother. 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. 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) 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. 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: Matthew 16:13-20**

☒ The Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered,

"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And 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.

¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹I 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."

²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: 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
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**

Ending

You are mighty to save

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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.**"

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

OFFERING

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

☐ 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

☑ **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: WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

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: HOLY FOREVER*Verse 1*

**A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb**

Pre-Chorus

**(Jesus) Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all**

Chorus 1

**And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever**

Verse 2

**If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen**

Chorus 2

**And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever**

**Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever**

Pre-Chorus (2x)

**(Jesus) Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all**

*Chorus 2*

**And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever**

**Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever**

Tag

**You will always be Holy
Holy forever**

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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