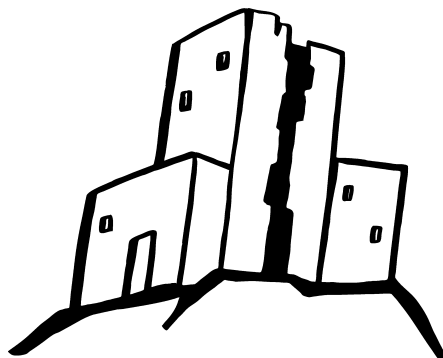


# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia  
June 9, 2024  
11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor    Carla Knobler, Interim Associate Pastor  
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music    David Beecher, Guest Musician

☐ = Pastor    ☒ = Lector [reader]    ☑ = 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 take a pre-packaged kit with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer from the center communion server. Please tell an usher if you need communion brought to you where you sit.*

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

### ⤴ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always

☑ **And also with you.**

*We share a sign of God's peace.*

### ⤴ GATHERING HYMN: *You Servants of God*

*ELW Hymn 825*

**1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!**

**2 Ascended on high, almighty to save, yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!**

**3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**4 Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!**

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### ⤴ GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

### ⤴ PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 3:8-15

*see insert*

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

*see insert*

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy*  
*Refrain*

*ELW Hymn 762*

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is our God,  
God, the Lord of earth and heaven. Holy, holy is our God.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is our God,  
God, the Lord of all of hist'ry. Holy, holy is our God.**

**Who accompanies our people, who lives within our struggles,  
of all the earth and heaven the one and only Lord.  
Blest are they who in the Lord's name announce the holy gospel,  
proclaiming the good news that our liberation comes. *Refrain***

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↑ GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

*see insert*

*Children go to Children's Chapel*

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*ELW Hymn 504*

**1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.**

**2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.**

**3 Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.**

**4 God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!**

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↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

☐ Let us profess 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 "Merciful God," *please respond, "Receive our prayer."*

The prayers are ended with these words, "Receive our prayers,... through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ." *Please respond, "Amen."*

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

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## MUSICAL OFFERING

### ↑ 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.**

☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

☑ **Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you. My heart is glad to say the words:**

**You are holy, God.**

—ELW Hymn 473

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### ↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### ↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

☑ **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.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Please use either the communion station at the rear or front of the room.*

*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 pre-packaged cup with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer.*

## COMMUNION HYMN *As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW Hymn 465

### Refrain

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.**

**1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. Refrain**

**2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. Refrain**

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## COMMUNION HYMN *When Peace like a River*

ELW Hymn 785

**1 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Refrain-It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul),  
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain**

**3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain**

**4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. Refrain**

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

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## ↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- ☞ The blessing of God,  
 who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
 ☩ be upon you now and forever.
- ☞ Amen.

## ↑ SENDING HYMN *On Our Way Rejoicing*

*ELW Hymn 537*

- 1 On our way rejoicing  
 gladly let us go.  
 Christ our Lord has conquered;  
 vanquished is the foe.  
 Christ without, our safety;  
 Christ within, our joy;  
 who, if we be faithful,  
 can our hope destroy?**

### *Refrain*

**On our way rejoicing;  
 as we forward move,  
 hearken to our praises,  
 O blest God of love!**

- 2 Unto God the Father  
 joyful songs we sing;  
 unto God the Savior  
 thankful hearts we bring;  
 unto God the Spirit  
 bow we and adore,  
 on our way rejoicing  
 now and evermore. *Refrain***

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## ↑ SENDING

- ☞ Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
 Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## ↑ POSTLUDE

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# THE LESSONS

Sunday, June 9

## FIRST READING Genesis 3:8-15

℣ The first reading is from Genesis, the 3rd chapter.

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”<sup>10</sup>He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”<sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.”<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God

## SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

℣ The second reading is from 2 Corinthians, beginning with the 4th chapter.

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God

*Gospel is on the back.*

## GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Mark, beginning in the 3rd chapter.      🗣️ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup> and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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