

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
June 23, 2024
11:00 A.M.

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

☐ = 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: *We Praise You, O God*

ELW Hymn 870

1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

2 We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide you have been.

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

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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

☐ O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

FIRST READING Job 38:1-11

see insert

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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 4:35-41

see insert

Children go to Children's Chapel

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

ELW Hymn 756

- 1 **Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**
- 2 **O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**
- 3 **O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**
- 4 **O Trinity of love and pow'r, all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.**

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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 *God Will Prepare a Way, Edwards & Urquhart*

Henry Evans, soloist

↑ 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, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
C **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

- 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.

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 *Don't Be Afraid*

ACS Hymn 1027

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,
my love is stronger than your fear.
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger
and I have promised,
promised to be always near.

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- P** The blessing of God,
 who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
 ✚ be upon you now and forever.
C **Amen.**

1 My life flows on in endless song;
 above earth's lamentation,
 I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
 that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm
 while to that Rock I'm clinging.
 Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
 how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
 I hear that music ringing.
 It finds an echo in my soul.
 How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

3 What though my joys and comforts die?
 The Lord my Savior liveth.
 What though the darkness gather round?
 Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
 a fountain ever springing!
 All things are mine since I am his!
 How can I keep from singing? *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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Ushers: Tom Conrad, Buddy Troy

THE LESSONS

Sunday, June 23

FIRST READING Job 38:1-11

📖 The first reading is from Job, the 38th chapter.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
³Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—
⁹when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

📖 The Word of the Lord. 🙏 Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

📖 The second reading is from 2 Corinthians, the 6th chapter.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,
“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”
See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in any-
one’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have
commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,
⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience,
kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of
righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute.
We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—
we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making
many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.
¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction
in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

📖 The Word of the Lord. 🙏 Thanks be to God

Gospel is on the back.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Mark, beginning in the 4th chapter. ☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord. ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**