

GOD AND COUNTRY SUNDAY

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
June 30, 2024
11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Carla Knobler, Interim Associate Pastor Rev. Katie Pasch, Preacher
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the 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 Carla

↑ 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 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

1 **My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims pride,
From every mountain side, let freedom ring.**

2 **My native country, thee, land of the noble free, Thy name I love,
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills, like that above.**

3 **Our forebears' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our king.**

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↑ DIALOGUE: THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE - July 4, 1776

☒ When God created humankind, he made them in the likeness of God. Male and female he created them, and God blessed them and named them "Humankind" when they were created. {Genesis 5:1}

☑ **"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.**

☒ "Among these are Life ..."

☑ **Jesus said, "I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly." {John 10:10}**

☒ "Among these are Liberty ..."

☑ **Proclaim liberty to the captives. Bring good news to the oppressed. Bind up the brokenhearted. Proclaim release to the prisoners. And proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. {Isaiah 61:1}**

☒ "Among these are the Pursuit of Happiness ..."

☑ **The Master answered, "Come share my happiness with me." {Matthew 25:21}**

☒ To secure these rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness—whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it.

☑ **For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore ... For we are called to freedom, brothers and sisters. {Galatians 5:1}**

↑ **GREETING**

☐ From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☐ Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties working toward justice and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

FIRST READING Lamentations 3:22-33

see insert

THE PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION

☐ We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America.

☑ **Respect the Lord your God, and do what he has told you to do. Love him. Serve the Lord your God with your whole being, and obey the Lord's commands and laws that I am giving you today for your own good. {Deuteronomy 6:12-13}**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

see insert

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

ELW Hymn 762

Refrain

**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 5:21-43**

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Children go to Children's Chapel

SERMON

Pastor Katie Pasch

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY** *Land of Promise Yet Unfolding*

Tune: *BEACH SPRING*

1. **Land of promise yet unfolding Toward full justice, peace, and hope:
Opening doors to diverse talents; Widening dreams of every scope;
Called to lift the lamp of freedom Beaming bright throughout the earth;
Offering welcome in the spirit Of each person's equal worth.**
2. **Yet when pride in freedom's promise Dares forget its moral source,
Reason risks assault by power And by hate, its worst recourse.
And when selfish lust for riches Hardens hearts to others' needs,
Stirring words may ring but hollow When not matched by caring deeds.**
3. **We are wayward works in progress, And our faith may still be weak.
Yet repentant grace can guide us Back to higher paths we seek.
Truth and wisdom for our future, Fresh perspectives on our past
Are true gifts of common conscience That can heal wounds deep and vast.**

Hymn continues on next page.

4. **Nurturing God of all the nations, Help us mend our every flaw.
Shed again your light, your mercy, On our liberty in law.
May our noblest patriot vision Prize anew this treasured land,
Yet, still see in sharper focus That your Love is our command.**

Text: William A. Pasch, 2010, rev 2022. Dr. Pasch is Organist and Composer-in-Residence at First Presbyterian Church in Peachtree City.

↑ 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, "Receive our prayers,... through the power of the Spirit and
 the love of Jesus Christ." Please respond, "Amen."*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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MUSICAL OFFERING

Kendra and Brad Milburn

↑ 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: *America, the Beautiful**ELW Hymn 888*

**1 O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**3 O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

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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.

☩ Amen.

↑ SENDING HYMN: *Bless All the Nations, Lord*Tune: *God Bless America*

**1 Bless all the nations, Lord, you give as home.
Bless all leaders with wisdom with the light shining bright from your throne.
Bless the homeless and the hopeless, all the children, lost and lone.
Bless all the nations, Lord, you give as home. Bless all the nations, Lord, you give as home.**

**2 Help us to love the world, just as you do.
Fill our hearts, Lord, with Christ's love that we all may give glory to you.
Bless the hungry and the weary. Show us all what we can do.
Help us to love the world just as you do; bring peace to all the world; we trust in you.**

**3 Where people fight and die, may conflict cease.
Touch the people in all lands with a heartfelt commitment to peace.
Heal all hatreds, calm all vengeance. From such passions bring release.
Bless all the nations, Lord, so wars may cease. Give to all people, Lord, your wondrous peace.**

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↑ SENDING

ℙ 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!

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Altar Guild: Susie Lucsko

Lector: Sue Blackburn

Tech crew: Carol Jensen-Linton, Linda Volckmann, Brad Milburn

Ushers: Mark Barbour, Bob Spruck

Altar flowers given by Cheryl and Karl Dietmeyer in honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary (July 3rd.)

THE LESSONS

Sunday, June 30

FIRST READING Lamentations 3:22-33

℣ The first reading is from Lamentations, the third chapter.

²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”
²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.
²⁷It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,
²⁹to put one’s mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
³⁰to give one’s cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.
³¹For the Lord will not
reject forever.
³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

℣ The Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

℣ The second reading is from 2nd Corinthians, the eighth chapter.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

℣ The Word of the Lord.



Thanks be to God

Gospel is on the back.

GOSPEL Mark 5:21-43

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the fifth chapter.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**