

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
July 21, 2024
11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Carla Knobler, Interim Associate Pastor
Guest Preacher: Jonathan Hemphill, Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Life SE Synod, ELCA
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 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: *The Church's One Foundation*

ELW Hymn 654

- 1 **The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**
- 2 **Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.**
- 3 **Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**
- 4 **Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victoriorsshall be the church at rest.**

Hymn continues on next page.

- 5 **Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.**

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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.**

↑ HYMN OF PRAISE *You Are Holy*

ELW Hymn 525

**You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are holy, you are wholeness,
you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!**

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↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 🔊 O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us.
Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
🔊 **Amen.**

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

see insert

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:11-22

see insert

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

ELW Hymn 172

**Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

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↑ GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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Children go to Children's Chapel

SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Hemphill

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

ACS Hymn 1017

- 1 **"Come to me, O weary trav'ler; come to me with your distress;
come to me, you heavy-burdened; come to me and find your rest."**
- 2 **"Do not fear, my yoke is easy; do not fear, my burden's light;
do not fear the path before you; do not run from me in fright."**
- 3 **"Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.
Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility."**
- 4 **"Rest in me, O weary trav'ler; rest in me and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care."**

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↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us profess 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 "In your mercy," please respond, "Hear our prayer."

The prayers are ended with these words, "Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms ... Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord." Please respond, "Amen."

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MUSICAL OFFERING

Dave Byers, 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 **1. Holy, holy, holy holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

2. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.—TFF Hymn 32

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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 *Lamb of God*

TFF Hymn 35

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

ELW Hymn 789

1 **Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**

Hymn continues on next page.

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**2 We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.**

**3 You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.**

**4 Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

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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 *Build a Longer Table*

ACS Hymn 1062

**1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall, feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend, Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.**

**2 Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail; where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied, Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.**

**3 Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence. Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear, Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.**

**4 When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad, Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam. None can be excluded; all must find a home.**

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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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Altar Guild: Carol Jensen-Linton; Jennifer Archer

Lector: Dave Byers

Tech crew: Brad McCumber, Joni Siepert, Brad Milburn

Ushers: Ben McCumber, Paul Talbott

Altar flowers given by Carol Jensen-Linton in honor of Rowan Linton's 5th birthday.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, July 21

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1-6

☒ The first reading is from Jeremiah, the 23rd chapter.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

☒ The Word of the Lord. ☑ **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:11-22

☒ The second reading is from Ephesians, the 2nd chapter.

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

☒ The Word of the Lord. ☑ **Thanks be to God**

Gospel is on the back.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter. 👏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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