

# TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

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☐ = 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: *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

*ELW Hymn 452*

**1     Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
      so learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.**

**2     To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear release,  
      to give the Spirit's unity, the very bond of peace.**

**3     There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call,  
      one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God who made us all.**

**4     Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
      with kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.**

**5     For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.  
      Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.**

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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** *Glory be to God in Heaven*

*ELW S204a*

1. **Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**
2. **Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**
3. **Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☞ Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** 1 Corinthians 9.24-26a

*see insert*

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 4:25—5:2

*see insert*

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Al-le, Alleluia. Christ has the words of everlasting life.**

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↑ **GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51**

*see insert*

*Children go to Children's Chapel*

**SERMON**

Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY** *O Living Bread from Heaven*

*ELW Hymn 542*

- 1 **O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.  
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows.**
- 2 **My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place,  
and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;  
for you have freely given what earth could never buy,  
the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.**
- 3 **You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown;  
and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.**
- 4 **Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while here  
my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear;  
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy,  
where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.**

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

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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.**

*Continued on next page.*

**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, "We lift up these prayers ... into your holy keeping."  
Please respond, "Amen."*

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

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### MUSICAL OFFERING

#### ↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| <b>P</b> | The Lord be with you.   | <b>C</b> | <b>And also with you.</b>                         |
| <b>P</b> | Lift up your hearts.  | <b>C</b> | <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>                  |
| <b>P</b> | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.   | <b>C</b> | <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b> |
| <b>P</b> | It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:   |          |   |
| <b>C</b> | <b>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,<br/>heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.<br/>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.<br/>Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.</b> |          |   |

#### ↑ 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 *O Lamb of God*

*ACS 960*

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace, grant us your peace, your peace, O Lamb of God.**

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### COMMUNION HYMN *I Am the Bread of Life*

*ELW Hymn 485*

- 1 "I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."**

*Hymn continues on next page.*

**Refrain**

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day."

2 "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,  
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

3 "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you." *Refrain*

4 "I am the resurrection, I am the life.  
If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever." *Refrain*

5 Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God, who have come into the world. *Refrain*

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

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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***

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

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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: Sue Forward*

*Lector: Laura Musil*

*Tech crew: Linda Volckmann, Brad Milburn, Brad McCumber*

*Ushers: Tom Conrad, Bob Spruck*

*Altar flowers given by Joni Siepert in honor of her sister Jana Siepert. Happy Birthday to us!*

*Musicians: Morgan Hebert, Richard King-trumpet; Karl Dietmeyer-timpani*

# THE LESSONS

Sunday, August 11

## FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 9:24-26a

- ℣ The first reading is from 1st Corinthians, the 9th chapter.
- ℣ <sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize?
- ☩ **Run in such a way as to get the prize.**
- ℣ <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training.
- ☩ **They do it to get a crown that will not last,**
- ℣ but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.
- ☩ <sup>26</sup> **Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly.**
- ℣ The Word of the Lord. ☩ **Thanks be to God**

## SECOND READING Ephesians 4:25—5:2

- ℣ The second reading is from Ephesians, the 4th chapter.
- <sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup> Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup> and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
- ℣ The Word of the Lord. ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

- ☩ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter. ☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**
- <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”
- <sup>41</sup> Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup> They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”
- ☩ The Gospel of the Lord. ☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

