

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
August 25, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Carla Knobler, Interim Associate Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music
Karl Dietmeyer, Conductor-Christ Our Shepherd Winds

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*
⤴ Please stand as you are able.

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.

*The prelude is the beginning of the worship service and is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
Please be respectful of the worshippers around you that are using this time for that purpose.*

PRELUDE *Aus meines Herzens Grunde, arr. JS Bach* *COS Winds*
Nun danket alle Gott, arr. JS Bach

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: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

ELW Hymn 858

- 1 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!**
- 2 **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**
- 3 **Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.**
- 4 **Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!**

↑ 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

- ☐ Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 ☑ Amen.

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

see insert

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-20

see insert

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia! Lord and Savior*

ELW S205a

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
 Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
 Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

↑ GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

see insert

Children go to Children's Chapel

SERMON

Pastor Carla

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Blessed Assurance*

ELW Hymn 638

- 1 **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:
 this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

- 2 **Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
 angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain***
- 3 **Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
 watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain***

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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.

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



MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30) *Praise to the Lord*

COS Flute Choir

(11:00) *Jubilate Deo, Dale Wood*

Sanctuary Choir and COS Percussion

↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| 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 Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. | | |

↑ 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

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 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ELW Hymn 810

- 1** **O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

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2 **Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.**

3 **Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**

4 **O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.
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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 *Now Thank We All Our God*

ELW Hymn 840

1 **Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

2 **Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**

3 **All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878
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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.**

↑ POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God*

COS Winds

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Altar Guild: Sue Forward

Lector: (8:30) Gary Pederson (11:00) Dave Byers

Tech crew: (8:30) Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins

(11:00) Brad McCumber, Linda Volckmann, Brad Milburn

Usher: (8:30) Mark Barbour, Buddy Troy

(11:00) Ben McCumber, Ethan Miller

Altar flowers given by Laura and Kevin Hawkins in honor of all our teachers.

COS Winds listed on insert with the Gospel.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, August 25

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

📖 The first reading is from Joshua, the 24th chapter.

¹ Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a} And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴ “Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-20

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

¹⁰ Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

Gospel on the back

GOSPEL: John 6:56-69

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

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

The Christ Our Shepherd Winds Karl Dietmeyer, Conductor

Flute: Rita DeNell, Sarah DeNell, Penny Kahley, Lynn Kalinke, Sara Turk, Sarah Wampler

Clarinet: Elizabeth Wampler

Saxophone: Domenic Ravita

Trumpet: Morgan Hebert, Ethan Hoellrich, Richard King

Horn: Chelby Gambrel, Lauri Gambrel, Madeline Therriault

Trombone: Mayson Groover

Euphonium: Dave Byers, Xander Lee

Tuba: Xavier Lee

Timpani: Bert Groover

Percussion: Bert Groover, Penny Kahley, Lynn Kalinke, Sara Turk,
Elizabeth Wampler, Sarah Wampler