

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
September 22, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

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

P = Pastor **L** = Lector [reader] **C** 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 who are using this time for that purpose.*

PRELUDE (11:00) *Peal con brio*, Karen Thompson

Joyful Noise Ringers

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ **EXCHANGING THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C **And also with you.**

We share a sign of God's peace.

↑ **GATHERING HYMN: *God Is Here!***

ELW Hymn 526

1 **God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

2 **Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

3 **Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**

4 **Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

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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 to God*

ELW S213b

Refrain

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
 glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

1. **Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain***
2. **Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain***
3. **For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain***

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- ☞ O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 ☞ **Amen.**

(11:00)-MUSICAL OFFERING *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel? Lloyd Larson*

Joyful Noise Ringers

FIRST READING *Jeremiah, selected verses*

see insert

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*

ELW S216a

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

↑ **GOSPEL** *Mark 9:30-37*

see insert

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY** *God, We Gather as Your People*

ACS Hymn 1038

- 1 **God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,
 and we dare to claim the promise of your love.
 Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be, when your children will be free.**

Refrain

**Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide.
 May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
 For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong. May that welcome be our song.**

- 2 **Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free;
 and we sing for generations yet to be,
 that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest. *Refrain***

- 3 **Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame,
 so afraid of who they are and whom they love.
 May the message now be banished that your love is for the few; may their faith in you renew. *Refrain***

- 4 **God, we're working for the future when children far and wide
 can live their lives with dignity and pride.
 As they grow in strength and stature, may they join us hand in hand, as against all hate we stand. *Refrain***

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

↑ 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 "Hear us, O God," please respond, "Your mercy is great." The prayers are ended with these words, "We entrust these ... Jesus Christ, our Savior." 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 (11:00)-Guide My Feet, Arvis Graves

Sanctuary Choir

↑ 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 Lord, God of power and might,**
heaven 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. *ELW 193*

↑ 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 *Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus*

ACS setting 12

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION HYMN *Thy Holy Wings*

ELW hymn 613

- 1** **Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,**
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

Hymn continues on next page.

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2 **Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.**

3 **Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.**

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

☞ God all mighty, God most merciful
✚ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

☞ Amen.

↑ SENDING HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

ELW Hymn 815

1 **I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain-In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 **I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain***

3 **I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain***

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↑ SENDING

☞ Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
And invite all to join in connecting to His pathway of joy and life.

☞ Thanks be to God.

↑ POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Pat Oliver

Lector: (8:30) Laura Musil; (11:00)-Carol Jensen-Linton

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

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

Ushers: (8:30)-Mark Barbour, Bob Spruck

(11:00)-Mike & Pat Oliver

Altar flowers given by Pamela Gould in memory of Gerald Gould

THE LESSONS

Sunday, September 22

FIRST READING Jeremiah selected verses

☒ The first reading is from Jeremiah, the 11th, 17th and 29th chapters

Jeremiah 11:18-20. Congregation speaks the verses in **BOLD** type.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹**But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.**

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

**“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”**

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,

**let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.**

Jeremiah 17:7-8

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 29:10-14

¹⁰For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God**

Gospel on the back.

GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

🙏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Praise to you, O Christ.**