

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE INSTALLATION OF PASTOR WES SMITH

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

June 22, 2025 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Wes Smith, Pastor
Jonathan Hemphill, Preacher
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

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

*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

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

⬆ 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 *All Are Welcome*

ELW Hymn 641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain-All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

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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

- ☞ Let us pray. Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 ☞ **Amen.**

READING Psalm 46

see insert

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

—ELW page 188

↑ GOSPEL Mark 9:14-32

see insert

(11:00) Children may go to Children's Chapel

SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Hemphill

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *When Peace like a River*

ELW Hymn 785

- 1 **When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
 whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Refrain—It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2 **Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
 that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain**
- 3 **He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,
 is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain**
- 4 **Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
 the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. Refrain**

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INSTALLATION OF PASTOR WES SMITH

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "God of grace," please respond, "Hear our prayer."
 The prayers are ended with these words, "Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior." Please respond, "Amen."*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Link to give: <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

We now dedicate the financial gifts we offer to the Lord and the Lord's agenda, gifts either already given online, or before or after the service in the offering box. Likewise, we prayerfully consider the ways we offer ourselves to God's kingdom throughout the whole week.



MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00) Praise His Holy Name, Keith Hampton

Sanctuary Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C** Amen.

↑ 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 pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. —ELW page 190

↑ 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 approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.
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 packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.*

- C** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. —ELW page 191
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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

ELW Hymn 659

- 1 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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COMMUNION HYMN *One Bread, One Body*

ELW Hymn 496

Refrain—One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. **Refrain**
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. **Refrain**
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. **Refrain**

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↑ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.
 Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
 C **Amen.**

↑ BLESSING

- P The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
 and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace.
 C **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*

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↑ SENDING

- P Go in peace. Live and love by the Spirit.
 Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

↑ POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Susie Lucsko

Assisting Minister: (8:30) (11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton

Communion Servers: (8:30) Margaret Aldredge, Chip Beard, Brenda Nuscher
(11:00) Jeff & Mary Jeffrey, Sharon Lynch

Lector: (8:30) Sue Blackburn (11:00) Minka Fulton

Tech crew: (8:30) Davida Kilgore, Brad Milburn

(11:00) Joni Siepert, Brad Milburn, Kendra Campbell-Milburn

Usher: (8:30) Stephen Gundersen, Bob Spruck (11:00) Mike & Pat Oliver

THE LESSONS

Sunday, June 22

READING Psalm 46

☐ The first reading is Psalm 46. We read it responsively by whole verse.

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Gospel is on the back.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:14-32

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. ¹⁶He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; ¹⁸and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so." ¹⁹He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." ²³Jesus said to him, "If you are able! — All things can be done for the one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" ²⁶After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. ²⁸When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹He said to them, "This kind can come out only through prayer." ³⁰They went on from there 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.

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**