

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
June 29, 2025 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Wes Smith, Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music David Beecher, Organist

☐ = 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

↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- ☐ In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
☑ **Amen.**
Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.
☐ Merciful God,
☑ **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.
Amen.**
☐ You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
☑ **Amen.**

↑ 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

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C 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

- P** Let us pray. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

see insert

SECOND READING Galatians 5:1, 13-25

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 Luke 9:51-62

see insert

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

SERMON

Pastor Wes

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

ELW Hymn 818

- 1 O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true;
 tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
 teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.**
- 3 Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company,
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,**
- 4 In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way,
 in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.**

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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 "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

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.

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



MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

- ☞ 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.
- ☞ Amen.

↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| ☞ The Lord be with you. | ☞ And also with you. |
| ☞ Lift up your hearts. | ☞ We lift them to the Lord. |
| ☞ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | ☞ It is right to give our thanks and praise. |
| ☞ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn: | |
| ☞ 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

- ☞ **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.

- ☞ **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 *Be Thou My Vision*

ELW Hymn 793

- 1 **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2 **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**
- 3 **Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**
- 4 **Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931
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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 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

ELW Hymn 645

- 1 **Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.**
- 2 **To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your lovingkindness, hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.**
- 3 **Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.**
- 4 **Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,
praise and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!**

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
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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) Gary Pederson (11:00) Ethan Miller

*Communion Servers: (8:30) Shelly Jones, Betty Schmidt, Bill Grabill, Pat Ronco
 (11:00) Don & Miki Stork, April Peterson*

Lector: (8:30) Bill Grabill (11:00) Miki Stork

*Tech crew: (8:30) Davida Kilgore, Daniel Atkins, Brad Milburn
 (11:00) Linda Volckmann, Brad Milburn, Joni Siepert*

Usher: (8:30) Stephen Gundersen, Buddy Troy (11:00) Ethan Miller, Paul Talbott

THE LESSONS

Sunday, June 29

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

📖 The 1st reading is from 1st Kings, the 19th chapter.

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”

¹⁹ So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Galatians 5:1, 13-25

📖 The 2nd reading is from Galatians, the 5th chapter.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

Gospel is on the back.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

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

⁵¹ When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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