

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
July 13, 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 *As We Gather at Your Table*

ELW Hymn 522

**1 As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.**

**2 Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**

**3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

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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. O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 ☞ **Amen.**

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:9-14

see insert

SECOND READING Colossians 1:1-14

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 10:25-37

see insert

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

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Before the Waters Nourished Earth*

ACS Hymn 1049

- 1 **Before the waters nourished earth or night imagined morning,
 a Love conceived the universe and reveled in its forming.**
- 2 **This Love remained as time revealed the loss of Eden's glory
 and, grieving, holds in memory each tragic human story.**
- 3 **Despair, so deep it bears no name, or sorrows paralyzing
 cannot revoke Love's faithful claim to dwell within our dying.**
- 4 **The Love that called creation good all goodness still is bringing.
 This Love turns death again to life and silence into singing.**

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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.
 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.**

↑ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and PRAYER

- 📖 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.
- 🗣️ **Amen.**

↑ BLESSING

- 📖 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.
- 🗣️ **Amen.**

↑ SENDING HYMN *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*

TFF Hymn 150

- 1 Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.**

Refrain-Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

- 2 Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. *Refrain***

- 3 Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace. *Refrain***

- 4 Thou, the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heav'n but thee? *Refrain***

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↑ SENDING

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

↑ POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Carol Jensen-Linton, Jennifer Archer

Assisting Minister: (8:30) Cathy Climo (11:00) Ethan Miller

*Communion Servers: (8:30) Mike & Sue Earwood, Margaret Aldredge
(11:00) Fred & Gail Herbert, Vickie Dauenhauer*

Lector: (8:30) Laura Musil (11:00) Fred Herbert

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

(11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton, Joni Siepert, Brad Milburn

Usher: (8:30) Bob Spruck, Buddy Troy (11:00) Tom Conrad, Paul Talbott

Altar flowers given by Laura & Kevin Hawkins in honor of their anniversary.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, July 13

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:9-14

☐ The 1st reading is from Deuteronomy, the 30th chapter.

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Colossians 1:1-14

☐ The 2nd reading is from Colossians, the 1st chapter.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God

Gospel is on the back.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."
²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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