

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

August 3, 2025 8:30 & 11:00 AM

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P = Pastor **L** = Lector [reader] **C** = 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

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.
- P** Merciful God,
C **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.
- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

↑ 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 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* *ELW Hymn 393*

- 1 **A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!**
 Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God. Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 **The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand, Alleluia! Alleluia!**
 and with his faithful foll'wers see their Lord ascend in majesty. Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 **To whom the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" Alleluia! Alleluia!**
 "This is the Savior!" thus they say, "this is his glorious triumph day!" Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 **"You see him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky." Alleluia! Alleluia!**
 "Hereafter Jesus you shall see returning in great majesty." Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Hymn continues on next page.

- 5 O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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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 *Glory Be to God in Heaven*

ELW S204a

**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.**

**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.**

**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

- P** Let us pray. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

see insert

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-11

see insert

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**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.**

—*ELW S205a*

↑ GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21

see insert

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

SERMON

Pastor Wes

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Build a Longer Table*

ACS Hymn 1062

- 1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall, feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend, Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.**
- 2 Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail; where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied, Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.**
- 3 Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence. Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear, Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.**
- 4 When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad, Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam. None can be excluded; all must find a home.**

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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, "Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ." Please respond, "Amen."

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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

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

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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. | |

—ELW S207

↑ 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** **O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**
- O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**
- O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

—ELW S208

COMMUNION HYMN *Break Now the Bread of Life**ELW Hymn 515*

- 1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord; my spirit waits for you, O living Word.**
- 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!**
- 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.**

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↑ 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 *We Know That Christ Is Raised**ELW Hymn 449*

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Hallelujah!**
- 2 We share by water in his saving death. Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
as living members of our Savior Christ. Hallelujah!**
- 3 The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Hallelujah!**
- 4 A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing: Hallelujah!**

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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: Sue Forward, Betty Schmidt**Assisting Minister: (8:30) Cathy Climo (11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton**Communion Servers: (8:30) Jayne and Buddy Troy, Jaycine Lester**(11:00) Ethan Miller April Peterson, David Beecher**Lector: (8:30) Pat Ronco (11:00) Richard King**Tech crew: (8:30) Brad Milburn, Joni Siepert**(11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton, Brad Milburn, Joni Siepert**Usher: (8:30) Stephen Gundersen, John Musil (11:00) Pat and Mike Oliver*

THE LESSONS

Sunday, August 3

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

📖 The 1st reading is from Ecclesiastes, the 1st & 2nd chapters.

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-11

📖 The 2nd reading is from Colossians, the 3rd chapter.

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

Gospel is on the back.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter. **G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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