

## Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

July 6, 2025 9:45 a.m.

### GOD & COUNTRY SUNDAY

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Wesley Smith, Assoc. Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music

??????????, Lector

**P** = Pastor **C** = All **L** = Leader

### PRELUDE: *SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW/ WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SPECIAL DIALOGUE see insert

### EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

### OPENING SONG: *FIREWORK*

### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties working toward justice and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*~Please be seated for the Lessons~*

READING: Galatians 6:7-16 see insert

↑ GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-12, 16-20 see insert

SERMON Pastor Wes

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *LEAD ME  
TO THE CROSS*

↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH:  
THE APOSTLES' CREED

EXCERPT FROM  
THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS see insert

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace," please respond, "Hear our prayer."

When the prayers conclude, please respond, "Amen."

### OFFERING

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We acknowledge that you may have given Online or through the mail. Thank you.



## 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH or at home with your household

### COMMUNION SONG: *BE STILL*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION

**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 SONG: *FREEDOM REIGNS*

### DISMISSAL

**L** Go in peace. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH, July 6, 2025 God & Country**

**READER:** Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*[A brief silence.]*

**READER:** You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news.

God of grace, **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

**READER:** All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste.

God of grace, **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

**READER:** You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. On this 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend we pray that we unite as a country to work for the common good of all, especially the poor and disenfranchised. Work on the hearts of all politicians that they may lay aside their own political interests and ambitions to serve those that have elected them to office. Restore our nation, O God, back to one that is truly one nation under God.

God of grace, **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

**READER:** Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you.

God of grace, **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

**READER:** You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. Especially do we remember those whose names we offer to you silently or speak aloud now ...

*[Pause a moment]*

God of grace, **ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

**PASTOR:** Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**ALL: AMEN.**

# THE LESSONS

Sunday, July 6

## ↑ SPECIAL DIALOGUE

- Ⓛ Please stand and let us read responsively God's words entrusted to us.  
God said, "Let us make humans in our image." **GENESIS 1:26**
- ☛ **When God created humankind, he made them in the likeness of God. GENESIS 5:1**
- Ⓛ The LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and then God breathed into his nostrils the breath of LIFE. **GENESIS 2:7**
- ☛ **The spirit of God has made us, and the breath of the Almighty gives us LIFE. JOB 33:4**
- Ⓛ In (Jesus) was LIFE, and the LIFE was the light of all people. Jesus said: "I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of LIFE. **JOHN 1:4; 8:12**
- ☛ **"I came that they may have LIFE and have it abundantly. JOHN 10:10**
- Ⓛ The Lord says: Proclaim LIBERTY to the captives. Bring good news to the oppressed. Bind up the brokenhearted. **ISAIAH 61:1**
- ☛ **For freedom Christ has set us free.**
- Ⓛ Therefore, stand firm, ... for we are called to freedom, brothers and sisters. **GALATIANS 5:**
- ☛ **Jesus said, "I came that they may have LIFE and have it abundantly. JOHN 10:10**  
**Come share my HAPPINESS with me." MATTHEW 25:21**

## LESSON: Galatians 6:7-16

- Ⓛ The lesson is from Galatians, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

- Ⓛ The Word of the Lord
- ☛ **Thanks be to God.**

## ↑ GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-12, 16-20

Ⓟ The Gospel according to Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ” <sup>12</sup>I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” <sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup>He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Ⓟ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## EXCERPT FROM PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Ⓛ “It is for us, the living ... to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought ... have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to ... take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that ... [our] dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that the government: of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth.”

☩ **<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Ⓛ <sup>10</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God.” PSALM 46:1, 10