

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

June 21, 2026 9:45 a.m.

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music

Youth, Lectors

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

### ↑ CALL TO WORSHIP: *EVERYTHING IS* *~Please be seated~* **BEAUTIFUL** **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ↑ OPENING SONG: *I'D LIKE TO TEACH THE* *WORLD TO SING*

### ↑ OPENING DIALOGUE:

**L** We gather in the name of God, the Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, who helps us re-frame our resistance to society's attempts to make us invisible.

**C** We gather to lament, re-establish our foundation in Jesus, celebrate the joy of God's love and our life together, and find the courage to speak and act in support of all of God's beloveds.

**L** The roads that brought us here today were cross places where Indigenous people walked and lived on this sacred land, and still do today.

**C** We gather to honor the Creator, and all creation—human, animal, plant, water, wind, earth, and sky—that belong to God.

**L** God of Beauty, you gather your beloved children into your care, each one a unique image of you. You claim us as your own and call us to follow in the ways of mercy, justice, and joy.

**C** Help us move on from lament to build a foundation out of your loving kindness and justice. Strengthen our changing hearts and minds to continue the work of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### ↑ SONG OF PRAISE: *SOUL ON FIRE*

*~Please be seated~*

**READING: Romans 6:1b-11** *see insert*

### ↑ GOSPEL: *Matthew 10:24-39* *see insert*

**SERMON** Pastor Fritz

### ↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *YOU ARE GOOD*

**OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH:  
THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*~Please be seated~*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

**OFFERING**

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

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: *EVEN IF*

### ↑ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION

**P** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✝ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.

**C** Amen.

### ↑ SENDING SONG: *WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW IS LOVE* **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, June 21, 2026-4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pent. (Contemp.)**

**READER:** Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*[A brief silence.]*

**READER:** Let us offer the poor worth, feed the hands of the hungry whose arms are outstretched, give shelter to those who find themselves without a place to call home, surround our siblings who are within the LGBTQIA+ community with your loving acceptance and grace.

**God of compassion, You make beautiful things.**

**ALL: YOU MAKE ME NEW, YOU ARE MAKING ME NEW. (2X)**

**READER:** Dear Comforting Lord, lift the mourner, the broken in spirit, those who grieve from abuse, those who long for nothing more than to laugh again, when tears have filled their eyes and our siblings who experience oppression and exclusion in our society.

**God of compassion, You make beautiful things.**

**ALL: YOU MAKE ME NEW, YOU ARE MAKING ME NEW. (2X)**

**READER:** God of Peace, let streams of your living justice flow down upon the earth, for healing of the world, our nation and others, our communities, our church, and our political leaders. Grant us grace to mend but not stay still. Sustain our courage and help us to abandon vengeance and hatred, lifting us up to love all our neighbors as ourselves.

**God of compassion, You make beautiful things.**

**ALL: YOU MAKE ME NEW, YOU ARE MAKING ME NEW. (2X)**

**PASTOR:** God of all, we offer to you these prayers and those we hold in our hearts, continue to fill us with the hope and the understanding that we have been made in your image, yet weaving our diversity into one beautiful tapestry that we respect and uplift.

**ALL: AMEN.**

**YOU MAKE ME NEW, YOU ARE MAKING ME NEW. (2X)**

**YOU MAKE BEAUTIFUL THINGS,**

**YOU MAKE BEAUTIFUL THINGS OUT OF THE DUST.**

**YOU MAKE BEAUTIFUL THINGS,**

**YOU MAKE BEAUTIFUL THINGS OUT OF US.**

# THE LESSONS

Sunday, June 21

## READING: Romans 6:1b-11

**L** Today's reading is from Romans, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

<sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup>“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.