

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2026 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation
ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of Holy Communion.
The prelude is the beginning of the worship service.*

Please refrain from loud conversations while the prelude music is playing.

PRELUDE *In the House, David Crowder*

Kendra Campbell-Milburn, Brad Milburn, vocals; Mark Summers, percussion

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☐ Compassionate God,

☑ **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

☐ Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

☑ **Amen.**

EXCHANGING THE PEACE *We share a sign of God's peace.*

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

ELW Hymn 756

Please use either the red hymnal in the pew rack or the LED projection screens for the music and words.

APOSTOLIC 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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

Please be seated.

PSALMODY Psalm 98:8-13 *read responsively*

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READING Romans 10:5-15

see insert page 5

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

ELW Hymn 172

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

see insert page 6

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Wes

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

ACS Hymn 1024

Ref. Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.
He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.

1 There's no other place I can hide till the storm that rages subsides.
My voice cries to God from the flood, and I'm saved because of his blood. Refrain

2 It is not the work of my hands that has washed away all my sins.
I'm redeemed, and all of my days, Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise. Refrain

3 When my days on this earth are done, and I stand at God's holy throne,
my heart will not have any fear; in Christ's righteousness I am here. Refrain

Text: Kenyan hymn; adapt. Greg Scheer, b. 1966

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES CREED

P Let us profess our baptismal faith together.

G 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.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Merciful God," please respond, "Receive our prayer." The prayers are ended with these words, "Receive our prayers ... in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." 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*The Prayer, Sager & Foster**Kendra Campbell-Milburn, Brad Milburn**Please stand as you are able.***OFFERTORY***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**ELW Hymn 885*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

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OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C Amen.**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.****P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C 1. Holy, holy, holy holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**2. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*—TFBF Hymn 32***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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!
Please be seated.

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 the chalice of wine, or you may choose a packaged cup with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer.
 Please indicate to the ushers if you need to have communion brought to you.*

COMMUNION HYMN*Lamb of God**TFBF Hymn 35*

**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; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

MUSICAL OFFERING*Hunger, Binion & Wong*

*Milburn Family Singers-Olivia, Kendra, Brad
 Mark Summers, percussion*

COMMUNION HYMN*When Peace like a River**ELW Hymn 785*

- 1.** When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
- Ref.** It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.
- 2** Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*
- 3** He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*
- 4** Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

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*Please stand as you are able.***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

- P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
- C** Amen.

BLESSING

- P** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
- C** Amen.

SENDING HYMN *My Life Flows On in Endless Song**ELW Hymn 763**Please use either the red hymnal in the pew rack or the LED projection screens for the music and words.***SENDING**

- P** Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news
and invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**Acknowledgements**

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*Altar Guild: Betty Schmidt**Communion Assistants: (8:30) Margaret Aldredge, Bill Grabill, Brenda Nuscher**(11:00) Mary & Jeff Jeffrey, Sharon Lynch**Lector: (8:30) Nick Dunn**(11:00) Miki Stork**Tech Team: (8:30) Chris Gritti, Davida Kilgore**(11:00) Kendra Campbell-Milburn, Joni Siepert, Brad Milburn**Ushers: (8:30) Jim Basinger, John Musil**(11:00) Jim Christopher, Fred Gisler**This week's altar flowers are given by Robin and Tom Farrow in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary.*

THE LESSONS

Sunday, August 9

PSALMODY Psalm 85:8-13

☞ We read the psalm responsively.

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

READING Romans 10:5-15

☞ The reading is from Romans, the 10th chapter.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?

¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

☞ Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel on back

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

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

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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