

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 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

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 *All Are Welcome*

Dakota Road Music

Ref. **All are welcome friend and stranger at the banquet of the Savior.**

All are welcome. All are welcome here.

1. **From the woman who comes crying leaving tears at Jesus' feet.**

To the man who knows the right way but cannot see. *Refrain*

2. **From the ones who feel forgotten those who sense their place is gone.**

To the ones who live in hunger here you belong. *Refrain*

3. **Go into the streets and cities to the farms and families.**

Tell about the splendid table, God's mercy.

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.**

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

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray. God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

Please be seated.

PSALMODY Psalm 67 *read responsively*

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READING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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 15:10-20

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Please be seated.

SERMON

Kendra Campbell-Milburn

Please stand as you are able.

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.

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

Only Hope, Jonathan Foreman

Jill Hannon, soloist

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.**

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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.**

COMMUNION HYMN*Healer of Our Every Ill**ELW Hymn 612*

Ref. Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

2 In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

3 Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

4 You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

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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 *How Great Thou Art**ELW Hymn 856*

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) Jaycine Lester, Sue & Bob Blackburn

(11:00) Dave & Sue Byers, Richard King

Lector: (8:30) Debra Neu (11:00) Sharon Lynch

Tech Team: (8:30) Dakota Atkins, Davida Kilgore (11:00) Dakota Atkins, Joni Siepert, Brad Milburn

Ushers: (8:30) Nick Dunn, Steve Gundersen (11:00) Jan Fratto, Paul Talbott

This week's altar flowers are given by daughters, Kerry and Wendy, in honor of their parents, Rod and Dannee Barkow, who celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on August 8th.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, August 16

PSALMODY Psalm 67

☞ We read the psalm responsively.

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

READING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

☞ The reading is from Isaiah, the 56th chapter.

¹ Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

☞ Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel on back

GOSPEL Matthew 15:10-20

- P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.
G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

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