

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia

The Sixth Sunday of Easter ☩ May 17, 2020 ☩ 10:00 A.M.

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☐ = Pastor   ☒ = Lector [reader]   ☑ = Congregation   ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)

**Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

**PRELUDES**

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate to the number in your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." So in these days of required distancing, longing to share the Lord's Supper again soon physically together at one table of the Lord, we acknowledge communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space. This will be another form of that connection. We understand no precedents are being set in these unique times.*

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Fritz

**THE BEATLES LITURGY**  
**A Guitar Liturgy for Holy Communion**  
Lyrics by Fritz Wiese

**OPENING SONG:** *Good Morning, Lord*

*Tune: Eight Days a Week*

**Hey, dear Lord, good morning. It's good to be with you.**

**We're here to sing your praises, give thanks for what you do.**

**In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, in the name of the Spirit, the Three in One.**

**Bless our time together, send your Spirit near. Help us with our questions, our wrestlings and our fears.**

**Creating Father, redeeming Son, guiding Spirit, Almighty One.**

**Blessed be your name, forever. Open now our hearts, that you may touch and lead our lives.**

**Oh, we love you, Jesus, that's why we're in this place: to grow within your presence, until it's face to face.**

**In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, in the name of the Spirit, the Three in One,**

**The Three in One, the Three in One.**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you. Amen**

(Just as we receive God's reconciliation and peace through confession we enact that peace with those around us.)

**KYRIE SONG:** *Shower Your Grace*

*Tune: Hide Your Love Away*

*(We pray, through song, for the Lord's mercy upon the worshipers, the Church, and for all of God's people, everywhere.)*

**Here we stand with hearts in hand, beseeching you in prayer:**

**Those lonely and meek, for the troubled who seek, Father, show them your care.**

**For peace in our time, for meaning and rhyme in our daily lives.**

**That kindness be shown in our homes by children, husbands and wives. (Refrain)**

**REFRAIN: Lord, shower your grace upon our way. Lord, we need your strength to live today.**

**From hostilities that we may be freed, let healing start to stir.**

**Melt cold hearts, provide fresh starts, that Good News will be heard.**

Those lost in a maze, for those who give praise, may mercy be their gift.  
That justice may reign, transforming the pain; our hearts to you we lift. (*Refrain*)

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### LESSON: Verses from the third chapter of Peter's first letter, and from Acts, chapter 17.

If you are trying hard to do good, no one can really hurt you. <sup>14</sup>But even if you suffer for doing right, you are blessed.

“Don't be afraid of what they fear; do not dread those things.” (*Isaiah 8:12-13*)

<sup>15</sup>But respect Christ as the holy Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to answer everyone who asks you to explain about the hope you have, <sup>16</sup>but answer in a gentle way and with respect. Keep a clear conscience so that those who speak evil of your good life in Christ will be made ashamed.

--*1 Peter 3:13-16a, New Century Version*

<sup>22</sup>Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>2</sup>For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup>“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup>And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup>From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup>God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup>“For in him we live and move and have our being.” As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’”

--*Acts 17:22-28a, New International Version*

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL SONG: *Words of Life*

*Tune: O bla di O bla da*

**Jesus was with his disciples when they asked, “Lord, where shall we to? You have the words of eternal life?”  
For happiness and joy these words we need to know. (*Chorus*)**

**CHORUS: Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia! Blessed are those who hear God's Word. (*Repeat*)**

**When it seems you have all the answers, or when you feel you haven't got a clue,  
turn to what will prove a steady dancer. The Bible shows God's love and grace always come through. (*Chorus*)**

**CHORUS: Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia! Blessed are those who hear God's Word. (*Repeat*)  
If you want true life, then act upon God's Word.**

### HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

**[J**esus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY: *Walking in God's Love*Tune: *Can't Buy Me Love*

1. Some folks trust in riches, fame, or fancy cars. Others let society determine who they are.  
But I have heard one better answer that gives more joy by far.  
Walking in God's love, Jesus died for me.  
Walking in God's love, in baptism I'm free!
2. The Lord has blessed me richly with my family and my friends.  
He walks beside me daily and when the story ends.  
So when it comes to living boldly, just one thing depends:  
Walking in God's love, they call it justified,  
Walking in God's love, it gives me hope and pride.
3. Lord, your word is golden. It gives my heart delight.  
Your voice supports my mission, gives meaning to my plight.  
Now grant me strength to follow Jesus; how pleasing in your sight!  
Walking in God's love, love ...  
Walking in God's love.

## OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

**P** Let us confess 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 "Lord, in your mercy," please respond, "hear our prayer."*

*The prayers are ended with these words, "With bold confidence in your love, almighty God,  
we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord."*

*Please respond, "Amen."*

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## PREPARATION FOR THE MEAL

**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.

COMMUNION SONG: *Remember Me*

Tune: *Let It Be*

**P** On the night our Savior was betrayed he took bread and then he prayed.  
"This is now my body, take and eat."  
After supper he took the cup, giving thanks he held it up,  
"This wine is now my blood, take and drink."

**C** CHORUS: "Remember me," Jesus said, "in the wine, through the bread.  
This meal of love I give you. Remember me."

This meal is our new covenant, Christ's summary of what he meant.

United in his body, you and me.

Black or white, young or old, if your heart is open or still cold,

Forgiveness now is given, for you and me. (*Chorus*)

So as we celebrate Christ's meal we proclaim the cross that heals.  
 Our sins upon his shoulders at Calvary.  
 From the bonds of death God devastates, Christ's resurrection liberates.  
 To the banquet now he calls us, you and me. (*Chorus*)

#### 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 WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

*As you watch the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise: "The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

**HYMN DURING COMMUNION:** 1. *Father, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you.*  
 2. *Jesus, I adore you ...*                      3. *Spirit, I adore you ...*

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Let us pray.  
**C** Lord, it's amazing. Just as grains scattered across different fields are united into one load of bread,  
 You've united our hearts through the gracious meal just received.  
 Through one heavenly food, you've fed and nourished our hungers, varied though they be.  
 Continue to pour out your Spirit, giving us strength, as individuals and as one body in you,  
 to share the grace, forgiveness and hope you have first given us,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### BENEDICTION

**P** May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life,  
 fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.  
 Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**SENDING SONG:** *Go Now in Peace*

*Tune: Yellow Submarine*

**Now go in peace into the world. Share with others what we've heard: that Jesus died, but now he lives.  
 Life in his kingdom to you he gives. (*Chorus*)**

**CHORUS: Go now in peace to serve the Lord as friends  
 Wherever your road bends, until the story ends.**

**Thank you, Lord, for this time. Your light of grace we'll try to shine;  
 Give away as we've received, serving others in their need. (*Chorus*)**

#### DISMISSAL

**P** Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news.  
 Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life. Alleluia!  
**C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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