

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

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P = Pastor L = Lector [reader] C 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

Pastor Miriam

HYMN OF PRAISE: *You Are the Way, the Truth, the Life*

ELW Hymn 758

- 1 You are the way; to you alone from sin and death we flee;
all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.**
- 2 You are the truth; your word alone true wisdom can impart;
you only can inform the mind and purify the heart.**
- 3 You are the life; the rending tomb proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.**
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.**

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

LESSON: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and

“A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people,
in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-lalala-lalala-le-lu-ia, Al-lalalala-le-lu-ia. Al-lalala-lalala-le-lu-ia, Al-lalalala-le__lu-ia.

Jesus is the cornerstone, foundation. God chose him. I choose him, too.

Jesus is the way, the truth, the life. In God’s house he makes__ me a room.

Al-lalala-lalala-le-lu-ia, Al-lalalala-le-lu-ia. Al-lalala-lalala-le-lu-ia, Al-lalalala-le__lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-7

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

HYMN OF THE DAY: *This Is Amazing Grace*

Sandra Bohlken and Bill Porter

**1 Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

**2 Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

**Chorus: This is amazing grace. This is unending love, that you would take my place, that you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life that I would be set free. Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that you’ve done for me.**

**3 Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.**

**4 Who rules the nations with truth and justice, shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

**Bridge: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Worthy, worthy, worthy.**

Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham; CCLI Song #6333821

ANNOUNCEMENTS and INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

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*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."*

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 our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation; and so, with the church on earth, all creation and the hosts of heaven we praise your name.

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, 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.**

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: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

ELW Hymn 645

- 1 **Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.**
- 2 **To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your lovingkindness, hear your people as they pray;
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Through this meal you have opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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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.**

CLOSING SONG: *I Received the Living God*

ELW Hymn 477

Refrain: **I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.**
I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

2 **Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you;**
so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. Refrain

3 **Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me.**
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. Refrain

4 **Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,**
but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. Refrain

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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