

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Seventh Sunday of Easter ☩ May 24, 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 Miriam

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*ELW Hymn 836*

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

### 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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
☑ **Amen.**

### LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

**N**o one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.  
<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ►

<sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. <sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

- ℣ The word of the Lord.  
 ☩ Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**With Jesus in my boat we can laugh at the storm, laugh at the storm, laugh at the storm.  
 With Jesus in my boat we can laugh at the storm, as we go sailing home.**

**We sing, “Alleluia. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Jesus is our Lord. Jesus is our Lord.  
 The winds and the sea calm down at his word. Alleluia! Praise the Lord!”**

### HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 8:23-27

**W**hen [Jesus] got into the boat, his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup>A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. <sup>25</sup>And they went and woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” <sup>26</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. <sup>27</sup>They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

- ℣ The Gospel of the Lord.  
 ☩ Praise to you, O Christ.

### SERMON

Pastor Fritz

### HYMN OF THE DAY: *Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes*

*ELW Hymn 381*

- 1 Peace, to soothe our bitter woes, God in Christ on us bestows;  
 Jesus bought our peace with God with his holy, precious blood;  
 Peace in him for sinners found is the gospel’s joyful sound.**
- 2 Peace within the church still dwells in our welcomes and farewells;  
 And through God’s baptismal pow’r peace surrounds our dying hour.  
 Peace be with you, full and free, now and through eternity.**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING: *Link to give:*** <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

### OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES’ CREED

- ℣ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.  
 ☩ **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.”*

## 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: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

*ELW Hymn 396*

*Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

**1** You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*

**4** You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

## 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**

- 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: *Holy Spirit****Sandra Bohlken and Bill Porter*

- 1** There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.  
No thing can compare. You're our living hope.  
Your presence.
- 2** I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of love,  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone.  
In your presence, Lord.

**Chorus:** Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for.  
To be overcome by your presence, Lord.

**Bridge:** Let us become more aware of your presence.  
Let us experience the glory of your goodness (Lord).

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**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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