

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

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

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Lord of All Hopefulness*

ELW Hymn 765

- 1 **Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**
- 2 **Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**
- 3 **Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**
- 4 **Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day**

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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

- ☐ Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
☑ **Amen.**

LESSON: Genesis 21:8-21

- ☒ Today's Lesson is from Genesis, the twenty-first chapter

Isaac grew, and when he became old enough to eat food, Abraham gave a great feast. ⁹But Sarah saw Ishmael laughing and making fun of Isaac. (Ishmael was the son of Abraham by Hagar, Sarah's Egyptian slave.) ¹⁰So Sarah said to Abraham, "Throw out this slave woman and her son. Her son should not inherit anything; my son Isaac should receive it all." ►

¹¹This troubled Abraham very much because Ishmael was also his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, “Don’t be troubled about the boy and the slave woman. Do whatever Sarah tells you. The descendants I promised you will be from Isaac. ¹³I will also make the descendants of Ishmael into a great nation because he is your son, too.”

¹⁴Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a leather bag full of water. He gave them to Hagar and sent her away. Carrying these things and her son, Hagar went and wandered in the desert of Beersheba. ¹⁵Later, when all the water was gone from the bag, Hagar put her son under a bush. ¹⁶Then she went away a short distance and sat down. She thought, “My son will die, and I cannot watch this happen.” She sat there and began to cry.

¹⁷God heard the boy crying, and God’s angel called to Hagar from heaven. He said, “What is wrong, Hagar? Don’t be afraid! God has heard the boy crying there. ¹⁸Help him up and take him by the hand. I will make his descendants into a great nation.”

¹⁹Then God showed Hagar a well of water. So she went to the well and filled her bag with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰God was with the boy as he grew up. Ishmael lived in the desert and became an archer. ²¹He lived in the Desert of Paran, and his mother found a wife for him in Egypt.

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☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Hymn 595

**1 Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

**3 Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. *Refrain***

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-31

☐ The Holy Gospel according Matthew, the tenth chapter.

[Jesus said,] “So don’t be afraid of those people, because everything that is hidden will be shown. Everything that is secret will be made known. ²⁷I tell you these things in the dark, but I want you to tell them in the light. What you hear whispered in your ear you should shout from the housetops. ²⁸Don’t be afraid of people, who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. The only one you should fear is the one who can destroy the soul and the body in hell. ²⁹Two sparrows cost only a penny, but not even one of them can die without your Father’s knowing it. ³⁰God even knows how many hairs are on your head. ³¹So don’t be afraid. You are worth much more than many sparrows.

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☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

SONG OF THE DAY: *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

ELW Hymn 726

**1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.**

***Refrain: The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.***

**2 Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain***

**3 Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. *Refrain***

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 "Hear us, O God" please respond, "your mercy is great."
The prayers are ended with these words, "Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth 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 see 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."*

SONG DURING COMMUNION: *His Eye Is On the Sparrow*

1 Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
 Why should my heart feel lonely and long for heaven and home,
 When Jesus is my portion? A constant friend is he.
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Refrain: I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free.
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
 His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

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PASTORAL BLESSING**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P God of the welcome table, in this meal we have feasted on your goodness
 and have been united by your presence among us.
 Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts
 so that we may share your neighborly love with all,
 through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,
 nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
 will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
 God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
 bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *Have No Fear, Little Flock*

ELW Hymn 764

1 Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,
 for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom;
 have no fear, little flock!

2 Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock,
 for the Father will keep you in his love forever;
 have good cheer, little flock!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,
 for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you;
 thankful hearts raise to God!

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.
 Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

C Thanks be to God.

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