

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ June 28, 2020 ☩ 10:00 A.M.
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Sandra Bohlken and Bill Porter, Musicians

☐ = 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 Miriam

HYMN OF PRAISE: *All Are Welcome*

ELW Hymn 641

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain: **All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

**3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: Refrain**

**4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: Refrain**

**5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: Refrain**

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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

☐ O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world.
Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
☑ **Amen.**

📖 Today’s Lesson is from Paul’s letter to the Roman Christians, the sixth chapter

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

📖 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 all; so will I. I will welcome everyone.
I will love them just like him, sharing what I have with them. Refrain**

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

📖 The Holy Gospel according Matthew, the tenth chapter.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

SONG OF THE DAY: *With One Voice*

Sandra Bohlken and Bill Porter

**1 We come together with a holy purpose, we come together for the highest cause.
We speak one language from a heart of worship.
Gather to bring a song to the world for your glory.**

**Chorus: With one voice we will sing. Ev’ry tribe and ev’ry tongue brings a harmony.
With one voice we will bring heaven’s beautiful melody down to this earth,
As we sing to our King with one voice.**

**2 Oceans divide us, but we sing together. Now what defines us is our love of you.
From ev’ry nation, and across all borders
Gather to bring a song to the world for your glory.**

**Bridge: Come on, come on, and join the song. Our God, our God is on the throne.
Come on, come on, and join the song. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.**

**Chorus: With one voice we will bring heaven’s beautiful melody down to this earth,
As we sing, sing to our King with one voice, with one voice.
Hallelujah, our God reigns. Let us all rejoice.**

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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: *Take My Life, that I May Be Consecrated*

ELW Hymn 583

Refrain: **Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

1 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain

2 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Refrain

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Refrain

4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Refrain

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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.

*At the end of the service, we will celebrate the **BAPTISMS** of twins Josie Elaine and Tyler Emmett, children of Tyler Hendrix and Kate Reissing, grandchildren of Susan and Ted Reissing, and great-grandchildren of Joan and Ed Jachino.*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES DURING BAPTISM:

P People of God, do you promise to support Josie and Emmett and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C We do.

After Renunciations by the baptismal party:

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.

After the baptisms, we Respond:

C You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

We Welcome Josie and Emmett with these words:

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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