

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ July 12, 2020 ☩ 10:00 A.M.

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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: *Light the Fire*

1. **I stand to praise You, but I fall on my knees.
My spirit is willing but my flesh is so weak.**

Chorus: **Light the fire (Light the fire),
In my soul (In my weary soul).
Fan the flame (Fan the flame),
Make me whole (Make my spirit whole).
Lord, You know (Lord, You know),
Where I've been (Where I've been),
So light the fire in my heart again.**

2. **I feel your arms around me as the power of your healing begins.
Your spirit runs through me like a mighty rushing wind.**

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

- ☐ Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord
☑ **Amen.**

LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-13

- ☒ Today's Lesson is from Isaiah, the fifty-fifth chapter

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,



¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

☐ The word of the Lord. ☑ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Seek Ye First*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Allelia.**

**We do not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.
Allelu, Allelia.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

☐ The Holy Gospel according Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!"

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

☐ The Gospel of the Lord. ☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

SONG OF THE DAY: *Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?*, by David Slater

Chorus: **Have you seen Jesus my Lord? He's here in plain view.**

Take a look, open your eyes. He'll show it to you.

1. **Have you ever looked at the sunset with the sky mellowin' red,
And the clouds suspended like feathers? Then I say. . . you've seen Jesus my Lord.**
2. **Have you ever stood at the cross with a man hanging in pain?
Seen the look of love in his eyes? Then I say you've seen Jesus, my Lord.**
3. **Have you ever stood in the family with the Lord there in your midst?
Seen the face of Christ on your brother? Then I say you've seen, Jesus, my Lord.**

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

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: *Sing Alleluia, Words and Music by Linda Stassen*

Sing alleluia to the Lord . . .

Jesus is risen from the dead . . .

Take now the body and the blood . . .

We take our hope in Christ the King.

PASTORAL BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☐ 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.

☑ **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

☐ 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.

☑ **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: *They'll Know We Are Christians/Awesome God, Words and Music by Peter Scholtes*

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. (Repeat)
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love. +++

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power and love.
Our God is an awesome God.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. (Repeat)
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

3. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son.
All praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

DISMISSAL

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

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Altar Guild: Carol Jensen-Linton

Sound and Video Crew: Bill Porter, Jason Breckling, Tyler and Melissa Jacobson, Eric and Andrew Jakubowski