

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost ☩ July 19, 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 Miriam

## HYMN OF PRAISE: *How Great Thou Art, ELW Hymn 856*

*David Byers and All*

**1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

***Refrain:* Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!  
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**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Refrain***

**3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain***

**4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *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

☐ Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion.  
By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen.**

## LESSON: Romans 8:14-25

☒ Today's Lesson is from Paul's letter to the Roman Christians, the eighth chapter

**A**ll who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ►

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

<sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Oh, the Lord Is Good to Me*

**Oh, the Lord is good to me, and so I thank the Lord  
for giving me the things I need, the sun and the moon and the appleseed.  
Alleluia, Allelu. Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30**

☐ The Holy Gospel according Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] presented the [crowd] with another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a person who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup>But while everyone was sleeping, an enemy came and sowed darnel among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>When the plants sprouted and produced grain, then the darnel also appeared. <sup>27</sup>So the slaves of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Then where did the darnel come from?’ <sup>28</sup>He said, ‘An enemy has done this!’ So the slaves replied, ‘Do you want us to go and gather it?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, since in gathering the darnel you may uproot the wheat along with it. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest. At harvest time I will tell the reapers, “First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burned, but then gather the wheat into my barn.””

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☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Miriam

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

*ELW Hymn 876*

- 1 **Let the whole creation cry, “Glory to the Lord on high!”  
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, “Praise to our almighty king!”  
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;  
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.**
- 2 **Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word,  
those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song.  
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw;  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"**
- 3 **Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold,  
and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts;  
from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:  
“Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone!”**

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## OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

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- 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: *All Good Gifts*

- 1. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.  
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.**



*Refrain:* All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.  
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.

2. We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts,  
But that which thou desirest: our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain*

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## 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: *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

*Sandra Bohlken and All*

*Chorus:* Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.
2. You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing, ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
3. And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come,  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore.

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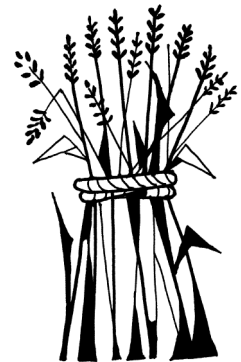
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### DISMISSAL

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



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