

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ July 26, 2020 ☩ 11:00 A.M.  
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## 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:** *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet*

ELW Hymn 523

*Refrain: Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe.*

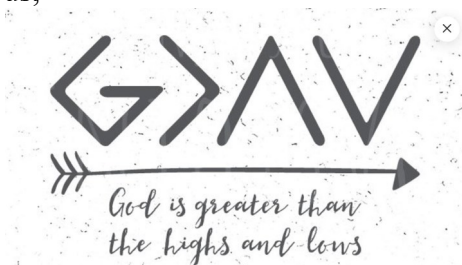
**The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.**

- 1 I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me.  
With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and my family. Refrain**
- 2 God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good  
where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food. Refrain**
- 3 May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love.  
God has called us to work together and to share ev'rything we have. Refrain**

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## DIALOGUE: Romans 8: 28, 31-35, 37-38

- ☒ <sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose ...
- ☑ <sup>31</sup>**What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?**
- ☒ <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?
- ☑ <sup>33</sup>**Who will bring any charge against God's elect?  
It is God who justifies.**
- ☒ <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn?
- ☑ **It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised,  
who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.**
- ☒ <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
- ☑ **Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...**
- ☒ <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
- ☑ <sup>38</sup>**For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,  
nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**



## 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.**

- ☐ Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen.**

### LESSON: 1 Kings 3:5-12

- ☐ Today's Lesson is from the first book of Kings, the fifth chapter

**A**t Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

- ☐ 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 rain and the appleseed.  
Alleluia, Allelu. Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**

### HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

- ☐ The Holy Gospel according Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[**J**esus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Seek Ye First***

1. **Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and all these things will be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**
2. **We do not live by bread alone but by ev'ry word that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu alleluia.**
3. **Ask and it shall be given unto you. Seek and ye shall find.  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu alleluia.**

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**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 "Lord, in your mercy" please respond, "hear our prayer."  
The prayers are ended with these words, "In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from  
your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Please respond, "Amen."*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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| <b>P</b> The Lord be with you.                   | <b>C</b> <b>And also with you.</b>                         |
| <b>P</b> Lift up your hearts.                    | <b>C</b> <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>                  |
| <b>P</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | <b>C</b> <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b> |
- 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:** *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring*

*ELW Hymn 691*

- 1**     **Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.  
We do not worship as we ought, but only as we're able.**
- 2**     **The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in your good pleasure.  
What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.**
- 3**     **Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares, we lift in prayer before you.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.**

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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:** *On Eagle's Wings*

*ELW Hymn 787*

- 1**     **You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"**

*Refrain:* **And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

- 2**     **The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain***

- 4**     **For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain***

*Final refrain, add:* ... **and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.**

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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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