

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ November 15, 2020 ☩ 11:00 A.M.

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

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If you would like, you could print a copy at home and bring it with you,**

## 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: *Lord of Glory, You have Bought Us*

*ELW Hymn 707*

- 1 **Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,  
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;  
and with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand  
to the unthankful and the evil with your own unsparing hand.**
- 2 **Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely, of your own.  
With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone  
till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe  
that more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.**
- 3/4 **Wondrous honor you have given to our humblest charity  
in your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to me."  
Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope, to stay our souls on you:  
but, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew.**

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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

- ☐ Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen.**

## LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:6-11

- ☒ Today's Lesson is from the first letter to the Thessalonian Christians, the fifth chapter

**L**et us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

- ☒ The word of the Lord. ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## SPECIAL VIDEO

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

*ELW Hymn 424*

**4 Friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing: “Alleluia! Alleluia!”  
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One:  
“Alleluia! Alleluia!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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## HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

**P** The Holy Gospel according Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:]<sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

<sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’

<sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

<sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’ <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Eli Anderson, Rick Burnett, Ingrid Hudson

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

*Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA*

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**
- 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**
- 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.**

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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 our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever."  
 Please respond, "Amen."*

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

**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: *We Give Thee But Thine Own****ELW Hymn 686*

- 1** We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
- 2** May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our firstfruits give.

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- P** Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.
- C** Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

- P** May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.
- C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: *As Saints of Old****ELW Hymn 695*

- 1** As saints of old their firstfruits brought of orchard, flock, and field  
to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield;  
so we today firstfruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
- 2** A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;  
to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.  
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
- 3** In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

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**DISMISSAL**

- P** Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE***Altar Guild: Pat Oliver and Vickie Dauenhauer**Tech Crew: Lindsay Eggen, Carol Jensen-Linton, Bill Porter, Brad Milburn, Joni Siepert, Will Friedrichs, Sara and David Turk**Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God by Jo and Scott Bosecker in memory of Lt. Leo McShenny.*