

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost ☩ November 8, 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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## 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: *Praise and Thanksgiving*

*ELW Hymn 689*

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer for all things living, you have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling for daily bread.**
- 3 Father, providing food for your children, by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share  
one with another, so that, rejoicing with us, all others may know your care.**
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people, freely confessing your gracious hand.  
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger; your love sustaining showers the land.**

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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 of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. \
- ☑ **Amen.**

## LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-6, 10

☒ Today's Lesson is from the first letter to the Corinthian Christians, the fifteenth chapter

**N**ow I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died ... <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SPECIAL VIDEO

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

*ELW Hymn 424*

**4** O 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: John 15:1-4

**P** The Holy Gospel according John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

**“I** am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn’t bear grapes. And every branch that is grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken.  
<sup>4</sup>“Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can’t bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can’t bear fruit unless you are joined with me.”

—*The Message*

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**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Fritz

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

*ELW Hymn 377*

**1** Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

*Refrain:* Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

**2** Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

**3** Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

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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 "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:** *All Depends on Our Possessing*

- 1** All depends on our possessing God's free grace and constant blessing,  
though all earthly wealth depart.  
They who trust with faith unshaken by their God are not forsaken  
and will keep a dauntless heart.
- 4** Well you know what best to grant me; all the longing hopes that haunt me,  
joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt your wisdom never; as you will, so be it ever;  
I commit to you my way.

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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:** *O God, in Your Love*

*TUNE: St. DENIO*

- 1** O God, in your love, you have made us unique:  
In gifts and traditions, in service we seek,  
In race and in culture and family design  
Diverse are the branches in Jesus the Vine.
- 2** Lord Jesus, you came to bring God's love on earth;  
You welcomed the outcasts and showed us our worth.  
You reached out to people whom others despised.  
You said all are precious in God's loving eyes.
- 4** So may your church welcome in loving accord  
All people who want to serve Jesus our Lord.  
O Spirit, unite us in Jesus the Son  
In mission and ministry, God, make us one.

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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*

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