

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost ☩ September 26, 2021 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music  
Sanctuary Choir (11:00), Karl Dietmeyer, Musician-Leaders

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red hymnal)

## ***Under Pressure ... and Under Promises***

### PRELUDES

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please pick up a communion "kit" on the table outside the sanctuary or at home 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." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.*

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

### GATHERING HYMN: *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

Tune: GALILEE

- 1 "Come to me, O weary trav'ler; come to me with your distress;  
come to me, you heavy-burdened; come to me and find your rest."
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your troubles; take my yoke and come with me.  
Take my yoke, I am beside you; take and learn humility."
- 4 "Rest in me, O weary trav'ler; rest in me and do not fear.  
Rest in me, my heart is gentle; rest and cast away your care."

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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

- ☐ Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
☑ **Amen.**

### LESSON: from 2 Corinthians 6, 11, and 12

- ☒ Our Lesson is from Paul's second letter to the Corinthian Christians.

**C**ommended to God, we kept ministering. We did this under great endurance through problems, disasters, and **stressful** situations [6:4-5, *CJB*] ... We faced the dangers, hard work and heavy labor, many sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, often without food, and in the cold without enough clothes.

[11:27, *MSG*]

As if these external trials weren't enough, there is the daily **stress** I feel and anxiety I carry for all the churches *under my care*. [11:28 *MSG*]

However, I'm all right with the weaknesses, insults, disasters, harassments, and **stressful** situations for the sake of Christ, because when I'm weak, then in Christ I'm strong. [12:10, *CJB*]

- ☒ Word of God, word of life.  
☑ **Thanks be to God.**

- 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 **[God,] 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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### GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-34

Ⓟ The Gospel according to Matthew, the sixth chapter.

Ⓞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

“**T**herefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

Ⓟ The Gospel of the Lord.

Ⓞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

Pastor Fritz

### HYMN OF THE DAY: *Let My Spirit Always Sing*

*Tune: Dix*

- 1 **Let my spirit always sing, though my heart be wintering,  
though the season of despair give no sign that you are there,  
God to whom my days belong, let there always be a song.**
- 3 **Let your wisdom grace my years, choose my words and chase my fears,  
give me wit to welcome change, to accept, and not estrange,  
let my joy be full and deep in the knowledge that I keep.**
- 4 **Let my spirit always sing, to your Spirit answering,  
through the silence, through the pain know my hope is not in vain,  
like a feather on your breath trust your love, through life and death.**

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### OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

Ⓟ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

Ⓞ **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 end with these words, “We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Please respond, “Amen.”*

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## 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

- P 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 the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church in the sanctuary or 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.”*

**COMMUNION HYMN: *Children of the Heavenly Father (8:30)***

*ELW Hymn 781*

- 1 Children of the heav’nly Father safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e’er was given.**
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.**
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:00): *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee****Sanctuary Choir*

- 1 If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days;  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that naught can move.
- 3 Only be still and wait his leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content  
to take whate'er the Father's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent;  
nor doubt our inmost wants are known to him who chose us for his own.
- 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving, in all thy labor faithful be,  
and trust his word; though undeserving, thou yet shall find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.

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**PASTORAL BLESSING****BENEDICTION**

- ☞ The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.
- ☞ **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness****ELW Hymn 733*

- 1 **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

- 2 **Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain***
- 3 **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
*Refrain***

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**DISMISSAL**

- ☞ Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Share Jesus' gifts of joy and life with all you meet.  
☞ **Thanks be to God.**

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