

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost ☩ October 17, 2021 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music
Sanctuary Choir (8:30), Karl Dietmeyer, Musician-Leaders

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

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 on the altar rail; or at home prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for 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: Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW Hymn 579

**1 Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:**

Refrain: With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

**2 Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: Refrain**

**5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: 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

☐ Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

LESSON: Hebrews 5:1-5

☒ Our Lesson is from the letter to the Hebrew Christians, the fifth chapter.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

³So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you."

☒ Word of God, word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 **How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call
to live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.**
- 2 **But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind and life itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.**

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GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

- 📖 The Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.
🔊 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?”³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord.
🔊 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us?*

ELW Hymn 431

- 1 **O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our king?
What royal face have you revealed whose praise the church would sing?
Aspiring not to glory’s height, to power, wealth, and fame,
you walked a diff’rent, lowly way, another’s will your aim.**
- 3 **Though some would make their greatness felt and lord it over all,
you said the first must be the last and service be our call.
O Christ in workplace, church, and home, let none to power cling;
for still, through us, you come to serve, a diff’rent kind of king.**
- 4 **You chose a humble human form and shunned the world’s renown;
you died for us upon a cross with thorns your only crown.
But still, beyond the span of years, our glad hosannas ring,
for now at God’s right hand you reign, a diff’rent kind of king!**

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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 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."

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

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 ANTHEM: *Whoever Would Be Great Among You (8:30)*

Sanctuary Choir

*Whoever would be great among you must become your servant,
And whoever would be first among you must be a slave of all.*

*For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve,
And to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Text: based on Matthew 20:26-28; text was revised in 1987 by the composer, Ron Nelson.

COMMUNION HYMN: *O Master, Let Me Walk with You (11:00)*

ELW Hymn 818

- 1 O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**
- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.**
- 3 Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,**

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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: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

ELW Hymn 551

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.**
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.**
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.**
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.**

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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.

POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Susie Lucsko, Amy Deull, and Peg Schaum

Sanctuary Flowers are given to the glory of God by Kathie Manes in celebration of the birthday of her son, Jack.

*Tech Crew: Davida Kilgore and Dakota Atkins (8:30); Carol Jensen-Linton, Joni Siepert, Linda Volckmann,
and Brad Milburn (11:00)*

