

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia

The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost ☩ October 24, 2021 ☩ 11:00 A.M.  
Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music  
Sanctuary Choir, 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 Miriam

**GATHERING HYMN:** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*ELW Hymn 879*

**1 For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:**

*Refrain: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

**3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain**

**4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: 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**

☐ Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.  
Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect  
your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen.**

**LESSON: Ephesians 3:18-19 and Romans 8:37-39**

*—Easy-to-Read Version*

☒ Our Lessons are from Paul's letters to the Ephesian and Roman Christians.

**L**et us pray that we and all God's holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love—how wide, how long, how high, and how deep that love is.

<sup>19</sup>Christ's love is greater than anyone can ever know. Let us pray that we will be able to know that love and we can be filled with everything God has for us.

☒ <sup>8:37</sup>NO, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

☑ **Nothing can separate us from God's love—**

☒ not death, not life, not angels, no ruling spirits... NO powers,.

☑ **Nothing now, nothing in the future,**

☒ Nothing above us, nothing below us—

☑ **Nothing in the whole created world—will ever be able to separate us from the love  
God has shown us in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

☒ Word of God, word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

- 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.**
- 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.**

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958  
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## GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

—Easy-to-Read Version

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

**T**hen [Jesus and the disciples] came to the town of Jericho. When Jesus left there with his followers, a large crowd was with them. A blind man named Bartimaeus (meaning “son of Timaeus”) was sitting by the road. He was always begging for money. <sup>47</sup> He heard that Jesus from Nazareth was walking by. So he began shouting, “Jesus, Son of David, please help me!”  
<sup>48</sup> Many of the people scolded him and told him to be quiet. But he shouted even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”  
<sup>49</sup> Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”  
So they called the blind man. “Cheer up!” they said. “Get up, he is calling you.”  
<sup>50</sup> Bartimaeus threw off his cloak, jumped up, and came to Jesus.  
<sup>51</sup> Jesus asked the man, “What do you want me to do for you?”  
He answered, “Teacher, I want to see again.”  
<sup>52</sup> Jesus said, “Go. You are healed because you believed.”  
Immediately the man was able to see again. He followed Jesus down the road.

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Miriam

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Amazing Grace*

ELW Hymn 779

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**
- 2 ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
‘tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**
- 5 When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God's praise than when we’d first begun.**

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5 Text is in Public Domain.

## THE BAPTISM OF CAROLINE (CALLIE) WAGNER



- P** Caroline, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
I invite the congregation to respond:
- C** **Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

- P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? **C** **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C** **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.**
- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C** **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.**



- P** Let us welcome Callie.
- C** **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## 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

- 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

**☞ ☩** 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 worshipers 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: *Open Thou Mine Eyes (11:00)*

Sanctuary Choir

*Open thou mine eyes and I shall see. Incline my heart and I shall desire:  
 Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments.  
 O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else,  
 No other, nought else with thee.  
 Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments,  
 In truth of spirit, in rev'ence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and in public.*

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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: *Light Dawns in a Weary World*

ELW Hymn 726

**1** Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.  
 Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

*Refrain: The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;  
 the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!  
 We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

**2** Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.  
 Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. *Refrain*

**3** Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.  
 Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. *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.

## POSTLUDE

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