Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost # November 21. 2021 # 8:30 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music Sanctuary Choir, Karl Dietmeyer, Musician Leaders

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

ELW Hymn 634

- All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
- O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.

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GREETING

- P 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

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

LESSON: Ezekiel 47:6b-9, 12

- Legister Today's Lesson is from Ezekiel, the forty-seventh chapter.
- The man took me back to the riverbank, ⁷ and when I got there, I saw that there were very many trees on each bank. ⁸He said to me, "This water flows [from the Temple] through the land to the east and down into the Jordan Valley and to the Dead Sea. When it flows into the Dead Sea, it replaces the salt water of that sea with fresh water. ⁹Wherever the stream flows, there will be all kinds of animals and fish. The stream will make the water of the Dead Sea fresh, and wherever it flows, it will bring life ... ¹²On each bank of the stream all kinds of trees will grow to provide food. Their leaves will never wither, and they will never stop bearing fruit. They will have fresh fruit every month, because they are watered by the stream that flows from the Temple. The trees will provide food, and their leaves will be used for healing people."

 —The Message
- L Word of God, Word of life.
- **9** Thanks be to God.

TESTIMONY OF ABUNDANCE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Christ Is the King

- 1 Christ is the king! O friends, rejoice; brothers and sisters, with one voice let the world know he is your choice. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 So shall the church at last be one; so shall God's will on earth be done, new lamps be lit, new tasks begun. Alleluia, alleluia!

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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

—The Message

- P The Holy Gospel according Luke, the fifth chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.
- Once when he was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, the crowd was pushing in on him to better hear the Word of God. He noticed two boats tied up. The fishermen had just left them and were out scrubbing their nets. He climbed into the boat that was Simon's and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Sitting there, using the boat for a pulpit, he taught the crowd.

 4When he finished teaching, he said to Simon,

Jesus: "Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch."

P 5-7Simon said.

Simon: "Master, we've been fishing hard all night and haven't caught even a minnow. But if you say so, I'll let out the nets."

It was no sooner said than done—a huge haul of fish, straining the nets past capacity. They waved to their partners in the other boat to come help them. They filled both boats, nearly swamping them with the catch. 8-10 Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell to his knees before Jesus.

Simon: "Master, leave. I'm a sinner and can't handle this holiness. Leave me to myself."

When they pulled in that catch of fish, awe overwhelmed Simon and everyone with him. It was the same with James and John, Zebedee's sons, coworkers with Simon.

10-11 Jesus said to Simon,

Jesus: "There is nothing to fear. From now on you'll be fishing for men and women."

- P They pulled their boats up on the beach, left them, nets and all, and followed him.
- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastors Fritz and Miriam; Pastor Mike Ward

HYMN OF THE DAY: Take My Life, That I May Be Consecrated

ELW Hymn 583

Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 1 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*
- Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*
- Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*
- Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

- **P** 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 "God, in your mercy" please respond, "hear our prayer." The prayers are ended with these words, "God, our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior." Please respond, "Amen."

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

PROCESSION OF ABUNDANCE: Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

ELW Hymn 691

- 1 Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table. We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.
- Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- 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 and join their unending hymn:
- Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

 Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

 —ELW page 144

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 IN THE SANCTUARY OR WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD AT HOME

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."

SONG DURING COMMUNION: Lamb of God

ELW page 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW Hymn 679

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

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PASTORAL BLESSING BENEDICTION

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ELW Hymn 693

- Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
 All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
 God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
 Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
- For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home; from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away; give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.
- Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
 Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.
 Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

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DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

Thanks be to God.

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