

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

October 1, 2023 9:45 a.m.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

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P= Pastor **G** = All **L** = Leader

PRELUDE: MIGHTY TO SAVE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: ALL THINGS NEW

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G AMEN.

READINGS: Exodus 17:3-7 & Isaiah 48:21

L The Old Testament readings are from Exodus, the 17th chapter, and Isaiah, the 48th chapter.

L The people suffered from thirst because there was no water, so they murmured against Moses and said, "Why did you make us leave Egypt to die of thirst along with our children and our animals?" ⁴Moses called upon the help of the LORD saying, "What will I do for this people? Only a little more and they will stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Walk in front of the people and bring some of the elders of Israel with you. Take the staff with which you struck the Nile in your hand and go! ⁶Behold, I will stand before you on the rock at Horeb. You will strike the rock, and water will come out for the people to drink."

Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷They called this place Massah[b] and Meribah, because the children of Israel had protested and had put the LORD to the test, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

Those whom he led through desert lands never endured thirst. He caused water to flow from the rock for them; he split open the rock and waters streamed forth.

L Word of God, Word of Life.

G Thanks be to God

READING: Romans 8:28

L The New Testament readings is from Romans, the 8th chapter.

G **We know that God makes all things work together for good for those who love him and who are called according to his purpose.**

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↑ GOSPEL: John 4:4-15

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4th chapter.

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

P Jesus had to pass through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a Samaritan town called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down at the well. It was about noon. ⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Give me some water to drink." ⁸His disciples had gone into the town to purchase food. ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew. How can you ask me, a Samaritan woman, for some water to drink?" (Jews do not share anything in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus replied,



“If you recognized the gift of God and who it is that is asking you for something to drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹“Sir,” the woman said, “you do not have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself along with his sons and his cattle?” ¹³⁻¹⁴Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks the water that I will give him will never be thirsty. The water that I will give him will become a spring of water within him welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I may not be thirsty and have to come here to draw water.”

- ☐ The Gospel of the Lord.
 ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Pastor Miriam

⬆ **SONG OF THE DAY: HONEY IN THE ROCK**
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 “Merciful God,”
 please respond, “**receive our prayer.**”
 When the prayers conclude, please respond, “**Amen.**”

OFFERING

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- ☐ The Lord be with you.
 ☑ **And also with you.**
 ☐ Lift up your hearts.
 ☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**
 ☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 ☑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 in heaven,
 hallowed be your name; your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give
 us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us; Save us
 from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
 yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH
 or at home with your household**

COMMUNION SONG: HOLD ON

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENDICTION

- ☐ The God of glory,
 ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and
 the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now
 and forever.
 ☑ **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: TRUST IN GOD

DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace. Serve in love.
 Invite all to join in connecting
 to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE