

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

September 10, 2023 9:45 a.m.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

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☐ = Pastor ☑ = All ☒ = Leader

PRELUDE: COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP

⬆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

☒ Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ Amen.

READING: Jonah 1:17 & Romans 8:26-29

☒ Today's reading is from Jonah, chapter one, and Romans, chapter eight.

But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

☒ Word of God, Word of Life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

⬆ GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

☐ The Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

☐ [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Fritz

⬆ SONG OF THE DAY: CHAIN BREAKER

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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Online or through the mail. Thank you.

OFFERING SONG: COMMUNION



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.**

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

C **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

Please approach the altar as directed by an usher.

*You will be offered a wafer, and you may dip it into
the chalice containing wine or white grape juice.*

Or, you may choose a prepackaged kit.

(including Gluten-free versions)

COMMUNION SONG: COMMUNION**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and BENDICTION**

P The God of glory,
✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: DEEP (WAY DOWN)**DISMISSAL**

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE