

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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☐ = Pastor ☑ = All ☒ = Leader

PRELUDE: WE SHALL BE FREE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: EVIDENCE

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☒ Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **AMEN.**

READING: Romans 8:26-29

☒ The New Testament reading is from Romans, the 8th chapter.

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. ²⁸**We 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 20:1-16**

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him,

☑ **‘Because no one has hired us.’**

☐ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’

⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying,

☑ **‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’**

☐ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

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15Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous? 16So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

SERMON Pastor Fritz

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: DANCING ON THE WAVES**

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:
NOTHING/SOMETHING**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and
BENEDICTION**

- ☐ 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: CHILD OF LOVE

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