

# MULTIPLYING LOVE

## WEEK 1: MULTIPLYING HOSPITALITY & YOUTH



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia  
October 22, 2023  
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

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☐ = Pastor    ☒ = Lector [reader]    ☑ = Congregation    *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*  
↑ Please stand as you are able.

### PRELUDE

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit.*

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

### ↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- ☐ Blessed be God, the one who forms us,  
✚ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
- ☑ **Amen.**
- ☐ Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*
- ☐ Steadfast and faithful God,
- ☑ **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.  
We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.  
We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.  
For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.  
For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.  
For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.  
Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**
- ☐ Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
In ✚ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
- ☑ **Amen.**
- ☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always
- ☑ **And also with you.**  
*We share a sign of God's peace.*

↑ **GATHERING HYMN:** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*ELW Hymn 834*

- 1 **Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!**
- 2 **Unresting, unshaking, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
- 3 **To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**
- 4 **Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!**

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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**

- ☞ Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
☛ **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Ephesians 3.14-21**

*see insert*

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *We Are an Offering*

*ELW Hymn 692*

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

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↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

*see insert*

**SERMON**

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↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Be Thou My Vision*

*ELW Hymn 793*

- 1 **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2 **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**
- 3 **Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**
- 4 **Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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## ↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

**P** Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

**C** **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.**

## "MULTIPLYING LOVE" INSPIRATION

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "God of Grace," please respond, "Hear our prayer."  
The prayers are ended with these words, "Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray,... through Jesus Christ, our Savior." Please respond, "Amen."*

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

We acknowledge that you may have already offered your gifts electronically or by mail. Thank you.



**MUSICAL OFFERING** (11:00) *Come Thou Fount, Craig Courtney*

*Sanctuary Choir*

## ↑ 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, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

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

—*ELW Hymn #193*

## ↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### ↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** **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.**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.*

*You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice.*

*You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.*

### COMMUNION HYMN: Give Thanks

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (repeat)**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
because of what the Lord has done for us. (repeat)**

**COMMUNION HYMN: *Come to the Table****ELW Hymn 481*

**Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread.  
 All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed.  
 Come at the Lord's invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand.  
 Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb. *(repeat)***

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**↑ PASTORAL 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 HYMN: *God of Grace and God of Glory****ELW Hymn 705*

**1** God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;  
 crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,  
 for the facing of this hour.

**2** Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,  
 for the living of these days.

**3** Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;  
 shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
 lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

**4** Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
 let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,  
 serving you whom we adore.

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**↑ SENDING**

**☞** Go in peace. God is at work in you. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

**☞** Thanks be to God.

**↑ POSTLUDE**

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*Altar Guild: Susie Lucsko**Lector: Ethan Miller**Tech crew: (8:30) Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins**(11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton, Joni Siepert, Brad McCumber**Usher: (8:30) Cindy Gunderson**(11:00) Pat Oliver**Altar flowers given by David Turk in honor of their 7th anniversary.*

# THE LESSONS

Sunday, October 22

## First Reading: Ephesians 3.14-21

The New Testament reading is from Ephesians, the 3rd chapter.

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God

## GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

ℙ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup>They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

ℙ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ Praise to you, O Christ.

