

**Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Peachtree City, Georgia

**October 22, 2023 9:45 a.m.**

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

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

**PRELUDE: GOODNESS OF GOD**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**OPENING SONG: HOLY SPIRIT COME**

**↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L** Let us pray.

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.

**G AMEN.**

**M&M's: GOD LOVES ALL HIS MANY PEOPLE;  
THIS IS THE DAY**

**READING: Ephesians 3:14-21**

**L** The New Testament reading is  
from Ephesians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**L** 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.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G Thanks be to God**

**↑ GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

**P** 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.

**G Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Pastor Fritz

**↑ SONG OF THE DAY: A MIGHTY  
FORTRESS**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

When the petition concludes “God of grace,”  
please respond, “**hear our prayer.**”

When the prayers conclude, please respond, “**Amen.**”

**OFFERING**

<https://coslutheran.org/give/>

We acknowledge that you may have given Online or through the mail. Thank you.

**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

**COMMUNION SONG: *NEW WINE***

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & 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: *ALL THINGS***

*NEW*

**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**