

MULTIPLYING LOVE

WEEK 2: MULTIPLYING BEAUTY



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
November 5, 2023
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

☐ = 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

↑ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always

☑ **And also with you.**

We share a sign of God's peace.

↑ GATHERING HYMN: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

ELW Hymn 414

**1 Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.**

**2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"**

**3 Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on.**

**4 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.**

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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.**

↑ HYMN OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast*

ELW pg. 140

Refrain-This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *to Refrain*
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *to Refrain*
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *to Refrain*
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. *to Refrain*

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☞ Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☞ **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 23:1-12

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SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY: *Rejoice in God's Saints*

ELW Hymn 418

- 1 **Rejoice in God's saints today and all days! A world without saints forgets how to praise.
 Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer, their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.**
- 2 **Some march with events to turn them God's way; some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
 some carry the gospel through fire and through flood: our world is their parish, their purpose is God.**
- 3 **Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown, who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
 they share our complaining, our comforts, our cares: what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!**
- 4 **Rejoice in God's saints today and all days! A world without saints forgets how to praise.
 In loving, in living, they prove it is true: their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.**

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↑ 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 “Hear us, O God,” please respond, “Your mercy is great.”
The prayers are ended with these words, “We offer our spoken prayers ... through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.” Please respond, “Amen.”*

“MULTIPLYING LOVE” INSPIRATION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00) *Calling My Children Home, arr. Joseph Jennings* Sanctuary Choir

↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| <p>☐ The Lord be with you.</p> <p>☐ Lift up your hearts.</p> <p>☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p> <p>☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:</p> <p>☑ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</p> | <p>☑ And also with you.</p> <p>☑ We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>☑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p> |
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- ELW page 144*

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

↑ THE LORD’S PRAYER

- ☑ **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.*

- ☑ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**
- ELW page 146*

COMMUNION HYMN: *Taste and See*

ELW Hymn 493

Refrain

**Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

Hymn continues on next page

**1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

**2 Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. *Refrain***

**3 Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain***

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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: *For All the Saints*

ELW Hymn 422

**1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought
fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the
countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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↑ SENDING

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

☞ Thanks be to God.

↑ POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Pat Oliver, Pat Frye

Lector: (8:30) Bill Grabill

(11:00) Fred Herber

Tech crew: (8:30) Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins

(11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton, Linda Volckmann, Brad Milburn

Usher: (8:30) Tor Brunso

(11:00) Mike Oliver

Altar flowers given in memory of John Manes by Kathie Manes.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, November 5

First Reading: Ephesians 3.14-21

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

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I 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 ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to 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 23:1-12

☒ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 23rd chapter. ☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; ³therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, ⁷and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. ⁹And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Moravian Christmas Love Feast

All those wishing to sing in the choir for this year’s Moravian Christmas Love Feast, are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. Rehearsals begin at 7:00 and will rehearse the Love Feast music at the beginning of the rehearsals on November 8, 15, 29 and December 6.

