

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

November 12, 2023 9:45 a.m.

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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P = Pastor C = All L = Leader

PRELUDE: *WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO LIFT SOMEBODY UP*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: *IN THE HIGHWAYS*

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C AMEN.

READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

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

L For 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

↑ GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ►

²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’

²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Miriam

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: *WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS***

↑ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH:
THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes “Hear us, O God!”
please respond, “**Your mercy is great.**”

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

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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: *THINGS LEFT
UNDONE***

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING &
BENEDICTION**

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: *WHAT HAVE YOU DONE
TO LIFT SOMEBODY UP***

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

