

**Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Peachtree City, Georgia

November 19, 2023 9:45 a.m.

25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

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☐= Pastor ☑ = All ☒ = Leader

**PRELUDE: THANKS AND PRAISE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**OPENING SONG: SOUND OF THE SAINTS**

⬆ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☒ Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **AMEN.**

**FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24**

☒ The Old Testament reading is from Amos, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

☒ I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God**

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

☒ The New Testament reading is from 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

☒ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God**

⬆ **GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13**

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

☐ [Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ▶

<sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON Pastor Fritz

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *GRATITUDE*

↑ 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.”

OFFERING

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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: *GIVE THANKS*

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: *GRATEFUL*

DISMISSAL

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE