

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

November 26, 2023 9:45 a.m.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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P = Pastor C = All L = Leader

**PRELUDE: DON'T STOP BELIEVIN'/
SHAMBALA**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: MINE

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L Let us pray.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
see insert

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23
see insert

↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46**
see insert

SERMON Pastor Miriam

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: TABERNACLE**

↑ **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

<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: GOD IS
ON THE THRONE**

**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: SING WHEREVER I GO

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THE LESSONS

Sunday, November 26

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

- L** The Old Testament reading is from Ezekiel, the 34th chapter.
- L** The Lord God says, “I myself will be their Shepherd. I will search for my sheep and take care of them. ¹²If a shepherd is with his sheep when they begin to wander away, he will go searching for them. In the same way I will search for my sheep. I will save them and bring them back from all the places where they were scattered on that dark and cloudy day. ¹³⁻¹⁴I will bring them back from those nations. I will gather them from those countries and bring them back to their own land. I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the streams, and in all the places where people live. ¹⁵Yes, I will feed my flock, and I will lead them to a place of rest.” ¹⁶“I will search for the lost sheep. I will bring back the sheep that were scattered and put bandages on the sheep that were hurt. I will make the weak sheep strong, ... but I will destroy the fat and powerful shepherds. I will feed them the punishment they deserve. ²⁰⁻²¹I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the thin sheep! I will say to them: ‘You push with your side and shoulder. You knock down all the weak sheep with your horns. You push until you have forced them away, ²²so I will save my flock. They will not be caught by wild animals anymore. ²³Then I will put one shepherd over them, my servant David. He will feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴Then I, the Lord, will be their God. I, the Lord, have spoken.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

- L** The New Testament reading is from Ephesians, the 1st chapter.
- L** That is why I always remember you in my prayers and thank God for you. I have done this ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God’s people. ►

¹⁷I always pray to the great and glorious Father, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that he will give you the Spirit, who will let you know truths about God and help you understand them, so that you will know him better. ¹⁸I pray that God will open your minds to see his truth. Then you will know the hope that he has chosen us to have. I pray that you will know that the blessings God has promised his holy people are rich and glorious. ¹⁹And you will know that God’s power is very great for us who believe.

C It is the same as the mighty power ²⁰he used to raise Christ from death!

L And he put Christ over all rulers, authorities, powers, and kings. He gave him authority over everything that has power in this world or in the next world.

C ²²God put everything under Christ’s power and made him head over everything for the church. ²³The church is Christ’s body. It is filled with him. He makes everything complete in every way.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

↑ GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ³¹“The Son of Man will come again with divine greatness, and all his angels will come with him. He will sit as king on his great and glorious throne. ³²All the people of the world will be gathered before him. Then he will separate everyone into two groups. It will be like a shepherd separating his sheep from his goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴“Then the king will say to the godly people on his right,

L ‘Come, my Father has great blessings for you. The kingdom he promised is now yours. ►

It has been prepared for you since the world was made. ³⁵It is yours because when I was hungry, you gave me food to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I had no place to stay, you welcomed me into your home.

³⁶When I was without clothes, you gave me something to wear. When I was sick, you cared for me. When I was in prison, you came to visit me.'

P ³⁷“Then the godly people will answer,

C **‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food? When did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸When did we see you with no place to stay and welcome you into our home? When did we see you without clothes and give you something to wear?**

³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and care for you?’

P ⁴⁰“Then the king will answer,

L ‘The truth is, anything you did for any of my people here, you also did for me.’

P ⁴¹“Then the king will say to the evil people on his left,

L ‘Get away from me. God has already decided that you will be punished. Go into the fire that burns forever—the fire that was prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²You must go away because when I was hungry, you gave me nothing to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me nothing to drink. ⁴³When I had no place to stay, you did not welcome me into your home. When I was without clothes, you gave me nothing to wear. When I was sick and in prison, you did not care for me.’

P ⁴⁴“Then those people will answer,

C **‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty? When did we see you without a place to stay? Or when did we see you without clothes or sick or in prison? When did we see any of this and not help you?’**

P ⁴⁵“The king will answer,

L ‘The truth is, anything you refused to do for any of my people here, you refused to do for me.’ ►

P ⁴⁶“Then these evil people will go away to be punished forever. But the godly people will go and enjoy eternal life.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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