

**Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church**

Peachtree City, Georgia

**November 5, 2023 9:45 a.m.**

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

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

**PRELUDE: MAY THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**OPENING SONG: A MILLION SAINTS**

**↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**L** Let us pray.

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.

**G AMEN.**

**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 23:1-12**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

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

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

2 SERMON Pastor Fritz

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS*

↑ 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."

### MULTIPLYING LOVE INSPIRATION

#### 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: *SOON***

**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: *SOUND OF THE SAINTS***

### 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

