

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia  
August 4, 2024  
11:00 A.M.

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☐ = 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 take a pre-packaged kit with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer from the center communion server. Please tell an usher if you need communion 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: *Welcome Table*

*ACS Hymn 969*

- 1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,  
I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.  
I'm a-goin'-a eat at the welcome table,  
I'm goin'-a eat at the welcome table, some of these days.
- 2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,  
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey, some of these days.  
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk and honey,  
I'm goin'-a feast on milk and honey, some of these days.
- 3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,  
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river, some of these days.  
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river,  
I'm goin'-a wade 'cross Jordan's river, some of these days.

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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** *Glory be to God in Heaven*

*ELW S204a*

1. **Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**
2. **Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**
3. **Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☞ O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

*see insert*

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 4:1-16

*see insert*

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Al-le, Alleluia. Christ has the words of everlasting life.**

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↑ **GOSPEL: John 6:24-35**

*see insert*

*Children go to Children's Chapel*

**SERMON**

Pastor Bill Diehm

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY** *Bread of Life from Heaven*

*ELW Hymn 474*

**Refrain**

**Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,  
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.**

- 1 **Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.  
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. *Refrain***
- 2 **Seek not the food that will pass away; set your hearts on the food that endures.  
Come, learn the true and the living way, that the fullness of life may be yours. *Refrain***
- 3 **Love as the one who, in love for you, gave himself for the life of the world.  
Come to the one who is food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more. *Refrain***
- 4 **Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your home in the lifegiving Word.  
Know only Christ, Holy One of God, and believe in the truth you have heard. *Refrain***
- 5 **Drink of this cup and declare his death; eat this bread and believe Easter morn;  
trust his return and, with ev'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are reborn. *Refrain***

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

☞ Let us profess our baptismal faith together.

☞ **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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**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 "In your mercy," please respond, "Hear our prayer."*

*The prayers are ended with these words, "Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms ... Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord." Please respond, "Amen."*



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### MUSICAL OFFERING

#### ↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>P</b> | The Lord be with you.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>C</b> | <b>And also with you.</b>                         |
| <b>P</b> | Lift up your hearts.                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>C</b> | <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>                  |
| <b>P</b> | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>C</b> | <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b> |
| <b>P</b> | It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:                                                                                                                         |          |                                                   |
| <b>C</b> | <b>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.</b> |          |                                                   |

#### ↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### ↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **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 use either the communion station at the rear or front of the room.*

*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 pre-packaged cup with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer.*

### COMMUNION HYMN *O Lamb of God*

*ACS 960*

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace, grant us your peace, your peace, O Lamb of God.**

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### COMMUNION HYMN *What Feast of Love*

*ELW Hymn 487*

- 1** **What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!**

*Hymn continues on next page.*

**2**    **What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?  
 What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!**

**3**    **What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?  
 What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!**

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#### ↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

☞    The blessing of God,  
 who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
 ☩ be upon you now and forever.

☞    **Amen.**

#### ↑ SENDING HYMN *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

*ELW Hymn 618*

**1**    **Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.  
 I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
 Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
 feed me now and evermore.**

**2**    **Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;  
 let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
 Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,  
 shield me with your mighty arm.**

**3**    **When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
 death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
 Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,  
 I will raise forevermore.**

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#### ↑ SENDING

☞    Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
 Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

☞    **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

#### ↑ POSTLUDE

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*Lector:*

*Tech crew: Linda Volckmann, Joni Siepert, Brad McCumber*

*Ushers: Mike and Pat Oliver*

*Musicians: Morgan Hebert, Richard King-trumpet; Karl Dietmeyer, timpani*

# THE LESSONS

Sunday, August 4

## FIRST READING Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

📖 The first reading is from Exodus, the 16th chapter.

<sup>2</sup> The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” <sup>10</sup> And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup> “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup> In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

## SECOND READING Ephesians 4:1-16

📖 The second reading is from Ephesians, the 4th chapter.

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup> But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it is said, “When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup> (When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup> We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

*Gospel is on the back.*

## **GOSPEL: John 6:24-35**

**📖** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.      **👏**      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup> When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

**📖** The Gospel of the Lord.      **👏**      **Praise to you, O Christ.**