Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
September 1, 2024 9:45 a.m.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Carla Knobler, Int. Assoc. Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music
Ⓟ = Pastor Ⓒ = All Ⓛ = Leader

PRELUDE: *STRONG*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: *WAKING UP*

⇧ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ⓛ Let us pray.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Ⓒ **Amen.**

READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27 *see insert*

⇧ GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 *see insert*

~ CHILDREN ARE EXCUSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHAPEL ~

SERMON Pastor Carla Knobler

⇧ SONG OF THE DAY: *LESS LIKE ME*

⇧ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Merciful God,"
please respond, **"Receive our prayer."**
When the prayers conclude, please respond, "**Amen.**

OFFERING

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We acknowledge that you may have given Online or through the mail. Thank you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Ⓟ The Lord be with you.
Ⓒ **And also with you.**
Ⓟ Lift up your hearts.
Ⓒ **We lift them to the Lord.**
Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Ⓒ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Ⓟ 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

Ⓒ **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: *ALL GOOD GIFTS*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Ⓟ God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Ⓒ **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *GOODBYE YESTERDAY*

DISMISSAL

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

Ⓒ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

The Lessons
Sunday, September 1

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

L The first reading is from Deuteronomy , the 4th chapter.

[1]So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. [2]You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

[6]You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" [7]For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? [8]And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

[9]But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING James 1:17-27

L The second reading is from James, the 1st chapter.

[17]Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. [18]In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

[19]You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; [20]for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. [21]Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

[22]But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. [23]For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; [24]for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. [25]But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

[26]If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. [27]Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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Gospel on the back.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

℗ The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter. ☪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[1]Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around
[Jesus], [2]they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing
them. [3](For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus
observing the tradition of the elders; [4]and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it;
and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze
kettles.) [5]So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the
tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" [6]He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about
you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
[7]in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

[8]You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

[14]Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: [15]there
is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

[21]"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder,
[22]adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. [23]All these evil things
come from within, and they defile a person."

℗ The Gospel of the Lord. ☪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**