

## Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

September 8, 2024 9:45 a.m.

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**P** = Pastor **C** = All **L** = Leader

#### PRELUDE: *SERVANT SONG*

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

#### OPENING SONG: *PUT A LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART*

#### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** Let us pray.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

**C** Amen.

**READINGS:** Isaiah 35:4-7a;  
James 2:1, 8-10, 14-17<sup>see insert</sup>

↑ **GOSPEL:** Mark 7:24-37<sup>see insert</sup>

**SERMON** Pastor Fritz Wiese

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY:** *WHAT HAVE YOU  
DONE TO LIFT SOMEBODY UP*

↑ **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: *WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS*

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION

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

**C** Amen.

#### SENDING SONG: *PUT A LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART*

#### 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, September 8

## FIRST READING Isaiah 35:4-7a

℣ The first reading is from Isaiah, the 35<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

**Here is your God.**

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

**He will come and save you.”**

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

**<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.**

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

**<sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.**

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God**

## SECOND READING James 2:1, 8-10, 14-17

℣ The second reading is from James, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? . . . <sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . . <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God**

*Gospel on the back.*

## **GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

🙌 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙌 **Praise to you, O Christ.**