

# STEWARDING GOD'S MYSTERIES WHAT'S THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia  
November 10, 2024  
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor   Carla Knobler, Interim Associate Pastor  
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

**P** = Pastor   **L** = Lector [reader]   **C** Congregation   *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*  
↑ Please stand as you are able.

*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.*

*The prelude is the beginning of the worship service and is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.  
Please be respectful of the worshippers around you who are using this time for that purpose.*

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ↑ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

**P**     The peace of the Lord be with you always

**C**     **And also with you.**

*We share a sign of God's peace.*

### ↑ GATHERING HYMN *God of the Fertile Fields*

*ACS Hymn 1063*

**1     God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:  
forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
that all in ev'ry land be clothed and fed.**

**2     We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give;  
help us in love to share, teach us like you to care  
for people ev'rywhere, that all may live.**

**3     As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.  
Let all our toil be used, no gift of yours abused,  
no humble task refused your love bestows.**

**4     God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died to make us one:  
we pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you.  
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.**

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### ↑ GREETING

**P**     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C**     **And also with you.**

## ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☞ O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☞ Amen.

## TESTIMONY OF PRAISE

**FIRST READING** Genesis 41:25-36

*see insert*

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

*see insert*

- ↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*  
**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*ELWS142a*

↑ **GOSPEL** Mark 12:38-44

*see insert*

## SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY** *Making Their Way*

*ACS Hymn 979*

- 1** Making their way down through the ages, sinners and saints have heard God's call:  
 wealthy and poor, powerful, lowly, Jesus' disciples, one and all.  
 Gathered for worship, offering thanks,  
 the greatest with the least have come to share this feast.
- 2** Making their way all the world over, Christians assemble on this day,  
 hearing the Word, sharing the Banquet, learning to walk in Jesus' way.  
 Members of Christ, united in love,  
 they seek our God to know, and so together grow.
- 3** Making our way season by season, pilgrims, we journey till life's end,  
 traveling light, sharing the riches, caring for stranger as for friend,  
 till in the joy of longing fulfilled,  
 together we will come to our eternal home.

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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.**  
**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 "Merciful God," please respond, "Receive our prayer." The prayers are ended with these words, "We offer our prayers to you, ... through Jesus Christ our Savior. . . Please respond, "Amen."*

## GENEROSITY TESTIMONY AND UPDATE



↑ **SENDING HYMN** *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

*ELW Hymn 707*

- 1** Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,  
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;  
and with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand  
to the unthankful and the evil with your own unsparing hand.
- 2** Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely, of your own.  
With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone  
till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe  
that more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.
- 3** Wondrous honor you have given to our humblest charity  
in your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to me."  
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry—in the least, your face we view,  
saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
- 4** Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,  
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope, to stay our souls on you:  
but, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew.

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↑ **SENDING**

- ☐ Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.  
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **POSTLUDE**

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*Altar Guild: Pat Oliver*

*Lector: (8:30) Cindy Gundersen; (11:00) Dot Craft*

*Tech crew: (8:30) Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins*

*(11:00) Joni Seipert, Brad Milburn, Kendra Milburn*

*Ushers: (8:30)-Stephen Gundersen, John Musil*

*(11:00)-Tom Conrad, Tom Smith*

*Altar flowers given by Linda & Bill Volckmann in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary*

# THE LESSONS

Sunday, November 10

## FIRST READING Genesis 41.25-36

📖 The first reading is from Genesis, the 41st chapter.

<sup>25</sup>Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “Pharaoh’s dreams are one and the same; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. <sup>26</sup>The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. <sup>27</sup>The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, as are the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind. They are seven years of famine. <sup>28</sup>It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. <sup>29</sup>There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt. <sup>30</sup>After them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; the famine will consume the land. . . . <sup>34</sup>Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plenteous years. <sup>35</sup>Let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and lay up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. <sup>36</sup>That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to befall the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine.”

📖 The Word of the Lord.                      🙏 Thanks be to God

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 4.1-2

📖 The second reading is from 1 Corinthians 4.1-2 and I invite you to repeat after me:

Leader:  
Think of us in this way:  
as servants of Christ  
and stewards of God’s mysteries.  
<sup>2</sup>Moreover,  
it is required of stewards  
that they be found trustworthy.

Congregation:  
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and stewards of God’s mysteries.**  
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## GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12th chapter.                      🙏 Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

