

# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia  
August 24, 2025 8:30 & 11:00 AM

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

*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 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

### ↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**  
Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*
- P** Merciful God,  
**C** **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**
- P** You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of **+** Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**C** **Amen.**

### ↑ 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      *What Is This Place*

*ELW Hymn 524*

- 1** **What is this place where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor.  
Walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.  
Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here, and know our God is near.**
- 2** **Words from afar, stars that are falling, sparks that are sown in us like seed:  
names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders sent from the past are all we need.  
We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard: God's free redeeming word.**
- 3** **And we accept bread at this table, broken and shared, a living sign.  
Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine.  
This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase: our justice and God's peace.**

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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.

# ↑ HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory Be to God in Heaven*

*ELW S204a*

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.

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.

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

- P Let us pray. O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
 C Amen.

# READING Selected verses explaining the role of God's Word

*see insert*

# ↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
 Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
 Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*—ELW S205a*

# ↑ GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

*see insert*

*(11:00) Children may go to Children's Chapel*

# SERMON

Pastor Fritz

# ↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

*ELW Hymn 510*

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
- 2 Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,  
Word that came from heav'n to die, crucified for our salvation,  
saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.
- 3 Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling,  
Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling,  
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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## ↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**A** Let us profess our baptismal faith together.

**C** 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 "Hear us, O God," please respond, "Your mercy is great."*

*The prayers are ended with these words, "Confident in God's presence and promise, ... through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion." Please respond, "Amen."*

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

We now dedicate the financial gifts we offer to the Lord and the Lord's agenda, gifts either already given online, or before or after the service in the offering box. Likewise, we prayerfully consider the ways we offer ourselves to God's kingdom throughout the whole week.



**MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00)** *I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord, Robert Roesch*

*Sanctuary Choir*

*Stand as you are able*

## ↑ OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

## ↑ 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.

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C** 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.

—ELW S207

## ↑ 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 approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.*

*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 packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.*

**C** O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

—ELW S208

**COMMUNION HYMN** *I Come With Joy**ELW Hymn 482*

- 1** I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
- 2** I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
- 3** As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
- 4** The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.
- 5** Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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**↑ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and PRAYER**

- P** Let us pray. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
- C** **Amen.**

**↑ BLESSING**

- P** The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

**↑ SENDING HYMN** *He Came Down**ELW Hymn 253*

- 1** He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.
- 2** He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.
- 3** He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.
- 4** He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.

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**↑ SENDING**

- A** Go in peace. Live and love by the Spirit.  
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**↑ POSTLUDE**

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*Altar Guild: Betty Schmidt**Assisting Minister: (8:30) Deb Handi*

*Communion Servers: (8:30) Shelly Jones, Betty Schmidt, Brenda Nuscher*  
*(11:00) Jeff & Mary Jeffrey, Patrick Bauer*

*Lector: (8:30) Sue Blackburn (11:00) Miki Stork**Tech crew: (8:30) Brad Milburn, Joni Siepert**(11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton, Brad Milburn, Kendra Campbell-Milburn**Usher: (8:30) Stephen Gundersen, Bob Spruck (11:00) Ethan Miller, Paul Talbott*

# THE LESSONS

Sunday, August 24

## FIRST READING Selected verses

☞ Today's first reading is selected verses explaining the role of God's Word.

### **Psalm 119.105**

God's word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

### **1 John 1.1**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

### **Isaiah 40.8.**

The grass withers; the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

### **Hebrews 4.12.**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

### **2 Timothy 3.16-17.**

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

### **John 1.1.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

### **John 6.68.**

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.

### **John 15.11**

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

☞ The Word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God

## GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

☞ The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter. ☞ Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

