

## Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

August 31, 2025 9:45 a.m.

### TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Wes Smith, Assoc. Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music

Youth, Lectors

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

#### PRELUDE: *DROPKICK ME JESUS*

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

#### OPENING SONG: *GOD IS ON THE THRONE*

#### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** Let us pray.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*~Please be seated for the Lessons~*

READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 see insert

↑ GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14 see insert

SERMON Pastor Wes

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *CHURCH*  
(*TAKE ME BACK*)

↑ 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

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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: *SHED A LITTLE LIGHT*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENDICTION

**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 SONG: *CHILD OF LOVE*

## DISMISSAL

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH, August 31, 2025 Pent 12

**READER:** Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

*[A brief silence.]*

**READER:** For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace.

Hear us, O God, **ALL: YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

**READER:** We give you thanks that you provide for us our daily bread. We give you thanks for gainful and meaningful employment. Shepherd and uplift those who struggle to find work or whose work is unfulfilling. Grant them joy in the midst of their daily tasks.

Hear us, O God, **ALL: YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

**READER:** For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, the disenfranchised, the outcast and oppressed. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence. For all those persons and things for which we have concerns and weigh heavily upon us, let's take a moment to acknowledge those things aloud or silently in our hearts.

***Count to thirty silently and quickly, and then say the response:***

Hear us, O God, **ALL: YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

**READER:** You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed.

Hear us, O God, **ALL: YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

**READER:** For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. We give you thanks for those who labored to provide a secure future for Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran. May we continue to faithfully build upon their legacy.

Hear us, O God, **ALL: YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

**AM:** Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

**ALL: AMEN.**

# THE LESSONS

Sunday, August 31

## READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

📖 The 1<sup>st</sup> reading is from Hebrews, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

## GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

🙏 Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 Praise to you, O Christ.