

## Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

Septemeber 7, 2025 9:45 a.m.

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Youth, Lectors

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

#### PRELUDE: *GET BEHIND ME*

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

#### OPENING SONG: *CHURCH (TAKE ME BACK)*

#### ⬆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** Let us pray.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*~Please be seated for the Lessons~*

READING: Selected New Testament Verses<sub>see insert</sub>

⬆ GOSPEL: John 14:1-20<sub>see insert</sub>

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

⬆ SONG OF THE DAY: *SEED OF FAITH*

⬆ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH:  
THE APOSTLES' CREED

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace"  
please respond, "Receive our prayer."

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: *FLOWERS*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION

**P** The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,  
✚ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

SENDING SONG: *SING WHEREVER I GO*

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>

## READING: Selected Verses from the New Testament

📖 Today's reading is selected verses from the New Testament.

### 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

<sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore **encourage one another and build up each other**, as indeed you are doing.

### Romans 15:1-6

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup>Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. <sup>3</sup>For Christ did not please himself, but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." <sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>**May the God of steadfastness and encouragement** grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Hebrews 10:19-25

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to **provoke one another to love and good deeds**, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, **but encouraging one another**, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

## GOSPEL: John 14:1-20 selected verses

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

🙏 Glory to you, O Lord.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. . . . <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. . . . <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." . . . <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. . . . <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, . . . you know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. . . because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 Praise to you, O Christ.