



# Generosity Sunday

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia

November 16, 2025 8:30 & 11:00 am

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☐ = Pastor      ▲ = Assisting Minister      ◻ = Lector [reader]      ◼ = Congregation  
ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction. 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

### 11:00-CALL TO WORSHIP

*With Joy, Dan Kallman*

*Sanctuary Choir*

*Please stand as you are able*

## EXCHANGING THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

◼ **And also with you.**

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

## GATHERING HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

*ELW Hymn 796*

- 1 **How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**
- 2 **"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**
- 3 **"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold to refine."**
- 4 **"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn, like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

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## GREETING

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

◼ **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*This Is the Feast*

*ELW page 140*

**Refrain-This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *to Refrain***

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *to Refrain***

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *to Refrain***

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. *to Refrain***

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

*You may be seated*

### READING

*Romans 15, selected verses from "The Message" interpretation. see insert*

*Please stand as you are able*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go?*

*ELW page 142*

### GOSPEL

*Luke 21:5-19*

*see insert*

*You may be seated*

### SERMON

Pastor Wes

*Please stand as you are able*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*O God, Who Gives Us Life*

*ACS Hymn 1086*

- 1 **O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
deliver us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
Help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.**
- 2 **O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,  
to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there:  
when we despair in wandering through wastes of empty lies,  
refresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.**
- 3 **O God of covenant and law, revealed in cloud and flame,  
your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name.  
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your people prove,  
as on our hearts you write anew the covenant of love.**

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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.**

*You may be seated*

## 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, "We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord." Please respond, "Amen."*

## GROWING HOPE VIDEO

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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) Many Gifts, One Spirit, Alan Pote*

*Sanctuary Choir*

*Please stand as you are able*

**OFFERTORY** *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

*ELW Hymn 186*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

- A** Let us pray. God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.
- 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 pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.** —*ELW page 144*

**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.**

*You may be seated*

**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 the chalice of wine, or you may also choose a packaged cup with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer. Please indicate to the ushers if you need to have communion brought to you.*

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Lamb of God*

*ELW page 146*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**COMMUNION HYMN** *When Peace like a River*

*ELW Hymn 785*

- 1** **When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Refrain**—**It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.**

- 2** **Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain**
- 3** **He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain**
- 4** **Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul. Refrain**

*Please stand as you are able*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

☞ May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

☞ **Amen**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

☞ Let us pray. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

☞ **Amen.**

### BLESSING

☞ The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Canticle of the Turning*

*ELW Hymn 723*

**1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?**

***Refrain***-My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

**2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***

**3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***

**4 Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. *Refrain***

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### SENDING

☞ Go in peace. Sow seeds of hope. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

# THE LESSONS

Sunday, November 16

**FIRST READING** *Romans 15, selected verses from “The Message” interpretation.*

📖 The reading is selected verses from Romans, the 15th chapter.

**Congregation please read aloud the bold print.**

Those of us who are strong and able in the faith need to step in and lend a hand to those who falter, and not just do what is most convenient for us. Strength is for service, not status. Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, **“How can I help?” That’s exactly what Jesus did. . . .**

Even if it was written in Scripture long ago, you can be sure it’s written for *us* . . . Then we’ll be a choir—not our voices only, but our very lives singing in harmony in a stunning anthem to the God and Father of our Master Jesus!

So reach out and welcome one another to God’s glory. **Jesus did it; now you do it!** . . . . Just think of all the Scriptures that will come true in what we do! For instance:

Outsiders and insiders, rejoice together!

People of all nations, celebrate God!

**All colors and races, give hearty praise!**

And Isaiah’s word: There’s the root of our ancestor Jesse,  
breaking through the earth and growing tree tall,  
Tall enough for everyone everywhere to see and take hope!

**Oh! May the God of green hope fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope!**

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

**GOSPEL** *Luke 21:5-19*

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

🙏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?”

<sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Acknowledgements on the back.*

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*Altar flowers given by Carol Jensen-Linton in memory of Ron Linton.*