

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Youth, Lectors

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

### PRELUDE: *CHURCH MUSIC*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

### OPENING SONG: *EVIDENCE/MIRACLE POWER*

#### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** 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.

**C** Amen.

*~Please be seated for the Lessons~*

READING: Romans 15, selected verses see insert

↑ GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31 see insert

SERMON Pastor Wes

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *THE BLESSING*

↑ 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."

### GROWING HOPE VIDEO

### 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: *WON'T BACK DOWN*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING &

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

### SENDING SONG: *MIRACLE POWER*

### 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, November 16

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

📖 The reading is selected verses from Romans, the 15<sup>th</sup> 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:** *Mark 10:17-31*

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

🙏 Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>17</sup>As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’ ” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 Praise to you, O Christ.