

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 4, 2026 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation
ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of Holy Communion.
The prelude is the beginning of the worship service.*

Please refrain from loud conversations while the prelude music is playing.

PRELUDE *11:00-Allegro con moto, Jason W. Krug* *Joyful Noise Ringers*

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☐ Compassionate God,

☑ **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

☐ Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

☑ **Amen.**

EXCHANGING THE PEACE *We share a sign of God's peace.*

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!* *ELW Hymn 835*

Please use either the red hymnal in the pew rack or the LED projection screens for the music and words.

APOSTOLIC 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 *Glory to You, God* *ACS setting 12*

**1 Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours is the promise, the blessing, the birth.
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

**2 Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

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- 3 **Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth; yours the anointing, the radiant worth.
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame; ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done; yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray. Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C **Amen.**

Please be seated

11:00-MUSICAL OFFERING *Highland Blessing, Derek K. Hakes* *Joyful Noise Ringers; Rita DeNell, flute*

FIRST READING **Isaiah 5:1-7** *see insert page 5*

SECOND READING **Philippians 3:4b-14** *see insert page 6*

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia* *ACS setting 12*
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Our hearts burn within us as you open to us the scriptures.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL **Matthew 21:33-46** *see insert page 6*

Please be seated.

SERMON *Pastor Wes*

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Christ Is the Life* *ACS Hymn 927/Tune: KINGSFOLD*

- 1 **Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure creative Word,
whose pow'r beyond and through all space the worlds to Being stirred.
Christ is the life beyond all time, creation's birth and breath,
whose labor brings all things to be and brings all things to death.**
- 2 **Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck'ning tomb,
who welcomes us from well-worn ways to darkness of the womb.
Christ is the death, the sinking down past all desire and fear,
whose promise in the gentle dark bids newness to appear.**
- 3 **Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, consuming fire,
whose flames require our prior self as kindling for the pyre.
Christ is the death of dusty days of uncreative strife,
for out from fire we tread upon the threshold of new life.**
- 4 **Christ is the life of all that is, Beginning and the End;
creative force, most peaceful death, transforming burning brand.
Christ is the life, in whose wise love creation lives and dies
and thus forevermore shall bless the Source, the living Christ.**

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8:30-SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM *Nick Dunn*

11:00-OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES CREED

- P** Let us profess our baptismal faith together.
C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

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**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.**

Please 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, "Grant the prayers we have offered, ... We ask this in Jesus' name." Please respond, "Amen."

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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Gilbert Martin*

Sanctuary Choir

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY *Thank You, Lord*

ACS Hymn 1092

- 1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.**
- 2 Been so good, been so good, been so good, I just want to thank you, Lord.**
- 4 Love you, Lord, love you, Lord, love you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.**

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OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.
- C** **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| 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 God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. | |

ACS setting 12

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!
Please 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 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 *Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus* ACS setting 12

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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COMMUNION HYMN *Jesus Loves Me* ELW Hymn 595

**1 Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

**Ref. Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**2 Jesus loves me! he who died heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Refrain**

**3 Jesus loves me! he will stay close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. Refrain**

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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of hope, love and grace ☩ grant you strength and joy now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Thine the Amen* ELW Hymn 826

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SENDING

P Go out in peace and love to serve our neighbors.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Ushers: (8:30) John Miller, Bob Spruck (11:00) Jim Christopher, Ethan Miller

This week's altar flowers are given by Jaycine Lester in honor of all volunteers.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, October 4

First Lesson Isaiah 5:1-7

Ⓛ The first lesson is from Isaiah, the 5th chapter.

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

Ⓛ Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Ⓢ Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson Philippians 3:4b-14

L The second lesson is from Philippians, the 3rd chapter.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

G Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.

⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.