

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

September 20, 2026 9:45 a.m.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Wes Smith, Assoc. Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music

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

↑ **CALL TO WORSHIP: IN THE HOUSE**

~Please be seated~

WELCOME

↑ **OPENING SONG: CROWDED TABLE**

↑ **OPENING DIALOGUE**

L The Voice calling long ago.

C The Voice calling today.

L The Voice compelling Jonah to go.

C The Voice compelling us to go.

L The Voice calling to Jonah

C compelling him to share the good news of God's redemptive love.

L The Voice calling to us

C compelling us to share the good news of God's redemptive love.

L With those who would be enemies.

C With those who would be enemies.

L The people of Nineveh,

C beloved of God.

L The Voice calling long ago.

C The Voice calling today.

~written by Katherine Hawker.

↑ **SONG OF PRAISE: BE PRAISED**

~Please be seated~

READING: Jonah 3:10-4:11see insert

↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16**see insert

SERMON Pastor Wes

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: RUN TO THE FATHER**

**OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH:
THE APOSTLES' CREED**

~Please be seated~

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING

<https://coslutheran.org/give/>

We acknowledge that you may have given Online or through the mail. Thank you.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C Gracious God, we bring these gifts before you today with hearts full of gratitude. We know all good things come from Your hand. Please bless this offering and use it to bring shelter, comfort, and hope to those who need it most. 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.

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: COUNT THE STARS

↑ **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

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

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, Sep 20, 2026-17th Sunday after Pent. (Contemp.)

READER: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

[A brief silence.]

READER: For the church, that we may overcome our unwillingness to share your good news and our anger at your generosity to others. Nourish us with your grace and make us witnesses to your love.

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

ALL: SPIRIT LEAD ME . . . YOU WOULD CALL ME

READER: For your creation and for all who labor, that you guide scientists and researchers responding to the climate crisis, bring fairness and reconciliation to workplaces, provide for those who are unable to work, and strengthen all whose labor serves the needs of others.

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

ALL: TAKE ME DEEPER . . . PRESENCE OF MY SAVIOR

READER: For this congregation and our community, that you inspire us to offer our time and talents in service to others, provide for all who are injured, ill, or in need, and comfort us with the promise of resurrection as we remember those who have died.

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

ALL: SPIRIT LEAD ME . . . YOU WOULD CALL ME

PASTOR: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

ALL: AMEN.

ALL: TAKE ME DEEPER

**THAN MY FEET COULD EVER WANDER
AND MY FAITH WILL BE MADE STRONGER
IN THE PRESENCE OF MY SAVIOR**

**I WILL CALL UPON YOUR NAME
KEEP MY EYES ABOVE THE WAVES
MY SOUL WILL REST IN YOUR EMBRACE
I AM YOURS AND YOU ARE MINE**

THE LESSONS

Sunday, September 20

READING: Jonah 3:10-4:11

📖 Today's reading is from Jonah, the 3rd and 4th chapters.

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the Lord said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.

¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Gospel is on the back.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**