Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
October 11, 2026

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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P = Pastor C = All L = Leader

⇧ CALL TO WORSHIP: *ALLELUIA*

~Please be seated~

WELCOME

⇧ OPENING SONG: *AWESOME IS THE LORD MOST HIGH*

⇧ OPENING DIALOGUE

L Come, all who are weary and longing for grace.

C **We answer His call, and He welcomes us with love.**

L Come, all who hunger for mercy,
forgiveness, and peace.

C **Here, no one is forgotten, and no one is turned away.**

L Come and receive the love that Christ freely gives.

C **We come to find rest, hope, and new life.**

L Come to the table.

C **We come to Christ, our source of life and love.**
Come, let us worship the God who welcomes all.

⇧ SONG OF PRAISE: *BE PRAISED*

~Please be seated~

READING: Philippians 4:1-9 *see insert*

⇧ GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14 *see insert*

SERMON Pastor Fritz

⇧ SONG OF THE DAY: *COME TO THE TABLE*

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.

GIVING

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: *THE BREAD HAS BEEN BROKEN*

⇧ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**

⇧ SENDING SONG: *SEND US OUT*

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, Oct 11, 2026-20th Sunday after Pent. (Contemp.)

READER: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

[A brief silence.]

READER: Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the church and all who work across religious differences, that the world may know your undivided love.

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

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

READER: God of creation, we remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve places of natural beauty, restore our relationship with the land, and renew communities facing disaster. Give courage to those who lead relief efforts.

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

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

READER: God of mercy, we remember your promises to wipe away every tear and welcome all to your banquet. Heal and console those who suffer, and challenge us to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. We give thanks for those who have gone before us and rest in your promise that death will be swallowed up forever.

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

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

PASTOR: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, October 11

Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

L Today's reading is from Philippians, the 4th chapter.

[1]My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

[2]I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3]Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

[4]Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5]Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6]Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7]And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8]Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9]As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

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

[1]Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2]"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3]He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. [4]Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' [5]But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, [6]while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. [7]The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. [8]Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9]Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' [10]Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

[11]"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, [12]and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. [13]Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14]For many are called, but few are chosen."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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