Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
October 18, 2026

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Wes Smith, Assoc. Pastor
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P = Pastor C = All L = Leader

⇧ **CALL TO WORSHIP: *MAY THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU***
~Please be seated~
WELCOME

⇧ **SONG OF WORSHIP: *BUILD MY LIFE***
~Please be seated~

READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 *see insert*

⇧ **GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22** *see insert*

SERMON Pastor Wes

⇧ **SONG OF THE DAY: *LOOK TO THE LAMB***

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: *LOOK TO THE LAMB (REPRISE)*

⇧ **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

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

C **Amen.**

⇧ **SENDING SONG: *UNTO YOUR NAME***

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 18, 2026-21st 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: Living and true God, inspire your church to share the gospel with love. Bless seminarians, those beginning ordained ministry, and all who quietly labor in faith, that their service may strengthen your people.

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

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

READER: God of creation, we give you thanks for the majesty of the oceans. Protect the life within them and sustain all who work to preserve them. Guide all people in caring for your creation.

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

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

READER: God of wisdom, guide all who hold positions of authority to seek the good of all. Protect those who work in dangerous or difficult places, bring healing to those who suffer, and hold in your eternal care all who have gone before us.

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 18

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

L Today's reading is from 1st Thessalonians, the 1st chapter.

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly
3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by
God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind
of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of
the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, 7 so
that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the word of
the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place
your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. 9 For they
report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from
idols to serve a living and true God 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised
from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

15 The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to
him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way
of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with
partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" 18 But Jesus,
aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the
coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is
this and whose title?" 21 They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to
Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard this,
they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**