

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

April 21, 2024 9:45 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music

P = Pastor C = All L = Leader

PRELUDE: *MAN ON THE MIDDLE CROSS*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: *WAKING UP*

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

READINGS: 1 John 3:16-24

see insert

↑ GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

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SERMON Pastor Fritz

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *LEAD ON GOOD*

SHEPHERD

↑ 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."

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: *YOU WILL BE*

FOUND

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENDICTION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

+ bless you now and always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *GRAVES INTO GARDENS*

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, April 21

FIRST READING: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Ⓐ The Word of the Lord.

Ⓒ Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

Ⓐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter. Ⓒ Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Ⓐ The Gospel of the Lord.

Ⓒ Praise to you, O Christ.