

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

April 7, 2024 9:45 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music

P = Pastor C = All L = Leader

PRELUDE: *EVERY PRAISE*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: *TAKE ME ON A RIDE*

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

READINGS: Isaiah 63:7; Psalm 122:1-2;
Luke 4:16-19

see insert

↑ GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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SERMON Pastor Fritz

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *BURY THE WORKMEN*

↑ 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: *MIGHTY CROSS*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING &

BENEDICTION

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: *I THANK GOD*

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 7

FIRST READINGS:

Honoring and giving thanks to God for the use and service of the current sanctuary.

Isaiah 63:7

A reading from Isaiah

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

Psalms 122:1-2

We read the Psalm together.

**I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Luke 4:16-19

A reading from Luke

¹⁶When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind to set free those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel on the back ►

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 *The congregation speaks the words in the BOLD font.*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter. ☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, **“Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”**

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, **“My Lord and my God!”** ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord. ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

