

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
May 4, 2025 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*
↑ Please stand as you are able.

*The prelude is the beginning of the worship service and is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
Please be respectful of the worshippers around you who are using this time for that purpose.*

PRELUDE (11:00) *Jesus Shall Reign, Arnold Sherman* *Peace Ringers*
The Strife is O'er, Jason Krug

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction. You may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may take a pre-packaged kit with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer from the center communion server. Please tell an usher if you need communion brought to you where you sit.

☐ Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
☑ **Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always
☑ **And also with you.**
We share a sign of God's peace.

↑ GATHERING HYMN: *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

ELW Hymn 377

**1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

***Refrain*-Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**2 Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain***

**3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain***

**4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain***

**5 City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain***

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↑ GREETING

- ☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 ☞ And also with you.

↑ HYMN OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast*

ELW pg. 140

Refrain-This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. to Refrain
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. to Refrain
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. to Refrain
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. to Refrain

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☞ Let us pray. Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 ☞ Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 9:1-20

see insert

SECOND READING Revelation 5:11-14

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↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Be Not Afraid*

ELW Hymn 388

Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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↑ GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

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SERMON

Pastor Fritz, Ethan Miller, confirmands

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY: *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded*

ACS Hymn 933

- 1 Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread!
 Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, praise Christ risen from the dead!
 Sing of the sun from darkness appearing; sing of the seed from barren earth greening;
 sing of creation, alleluia!
 Sing of the stream from Jesus' side flowing; sing of the saints in water made holy;
 sing of salvation, alleluia!
- 2 Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread!
 Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, praise Christ risen from the dead!
 Sing now of mourning turned into dancing; sing now the myst'ry, hope of our glory;
 sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!
 Sing now of fasting turned into feasting; sing the Lord's favor lasting forever;
 sing, all things living, alleluia!

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↑ 8:30 ONLY-OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

- ☞ Let us profess our baptismal faith together.
 ☞ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

11:00 ONLY-AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Andre Okoronkwo, Felicia Agada, Froska Lee

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God," please respond, "Your mercy is great."
The prayers are ended with these words, "We commend these and all our prayers ... in the name of
Jesus Christ, our risen Savior." Please respond, "Amen."*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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We now dedicate the financial gifts we offer to the Lord and the Lord's agenda, gifts either already given online, or before or after the service in the offering box. Likewise, we prayerfully consider the ways we offer ourselves to God's kingdom throughout the whole week.



MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00) *How Brightly Deep. Suzanne Toolan,*

Sanctuary Choir

↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| <p>☐ The Lord be with you.</p> <p>☐ Lift up your hearts.</p> <p>☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p> <p>☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:</p> <p>☑ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.</p> | <p>☑ And also with you.</p> <p>☑ We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>☑ It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p> |
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- ELW page 144*

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles. You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice. You may also choose a packaged cup with grape juice and gluten-free wafer.

- ☑ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. —ELW page 146**

COMMUNION HYMN: *I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW Hymn 661

- 1 **I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.**

Refrain-I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

- 2 **I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain***

- 3 **I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungry and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain***

↑ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and PRAYER

☞ Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

☞ **Amen.**

↑ BLESSING

☞ The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

☞ **Amen.**

↑ SENDING HYMN: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ELW Hymn 810

**1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

**2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.**

**3 Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**

**4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

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↑ SENDING

☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

☞ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

☞ Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

☞ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

↑ POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Jan Christopher

*Communion Servers: (8:30) Shelly Jones, Betty Schmidt, Brenda Nuscher, Jaycine Lester
(11:00) Gail and Fred Herbert, Patrick Bauer*

Lector: (8:30) (11:00) Confirmands

Tech crew: (8:30) Davida Kilgore, Brad Milburn

(11:00) Kendra Campbell-Milburn, Brad Milburn, Joni Siefert

Usher: (8:30) Jim Basinger, Bob Spruck (11:00) Tom Conrad, Paul Talbott

Altar flowers given in honor of Ava's 18th Birthday today, with Love, Mom & Dad.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, May 4

FIRST READING Acts 9:1-20

📖 The 1st reading is from Acts, the 9th chapter.

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵ He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹ The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Revelation 5:11-14

📖 The 2nd reading is from Revelation, the 5th chapter.

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

Gospel is on the back.

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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