

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
May 18, 2025 8:30 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Wes Smith, 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

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: *Earth and All Stars!* *ELW Hymn 731, sts. 1, 2, 4, 5*

- 1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Refrain-God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

- 2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*
- 5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! *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.

⬆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
☑ Amen.

READING Revelation 21:1-6*see insert***↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Be Not Afraid****ELW Hymn 388***Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!****Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!**

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé

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

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↑ GOSPEL: John 13:31-35*see insert***SERMON**

Pastor Fritz

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY: *Borning Cry**ELW Hymn 732*

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."
- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."
- 3 "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."
- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

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↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

- P** Let us profess our baptismal faith together.
- C** 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.
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.

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***Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

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**

↑ 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.
 P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
 C 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. —ELW page 144

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C 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 wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.*

- C 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: Praise Ye the Lord

ELW Hymn 872

Refrain-Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah! Ev'rybody praise the Lord.

- 1 Praise God with the sound of the trumpet; praise God with the lute and the harp;
praise God with the timbrel and dancing; praise God wherever you are. **Refrain**
- 2 Praise God with holy cymbals; praise God with strings and with pipes;
praise God with clashing cymbals; praise God with all of your might. **Refrain**
- 3 Praise God in the holy temple; praise God for almighty deeds;
praise God for those bountiful mercies; for God fulfills our needs. **Refrain**
- 4 Praise God on top of the mountains; praise God both day and night;
praise God down in the low valleys; praise God because it's all right. **Refrain**

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↑ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and PRAYER

- P 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.
 C Amen.

↑ BLESSING

- P 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.
 C Amen.

↑ **SENDING HYMN:** *When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

Tune: FOUNDED ON FAITH

- 1 **When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!**
- 2 **How oft, in making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!**
- 3 **So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in ev'ry tongue: Alleluia!**
- 4 **And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!**
- 5 **Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise; let all rejoice who have a voice to raise;
and may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

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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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Lector: Clint Barbour family

Tech crew: Davida Kilgore, Brad Milburn

Usher: John Musil, Bob Spruck

Altar flowers given by Kevin & Laura Hawkins in honor of the Smith family.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, May 18

READING Revelation 21:1-6

℣ The reading is from Revelation, the 21st chapter.

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

℣ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter. ☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

℣ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ Praise to you, O Christ.

