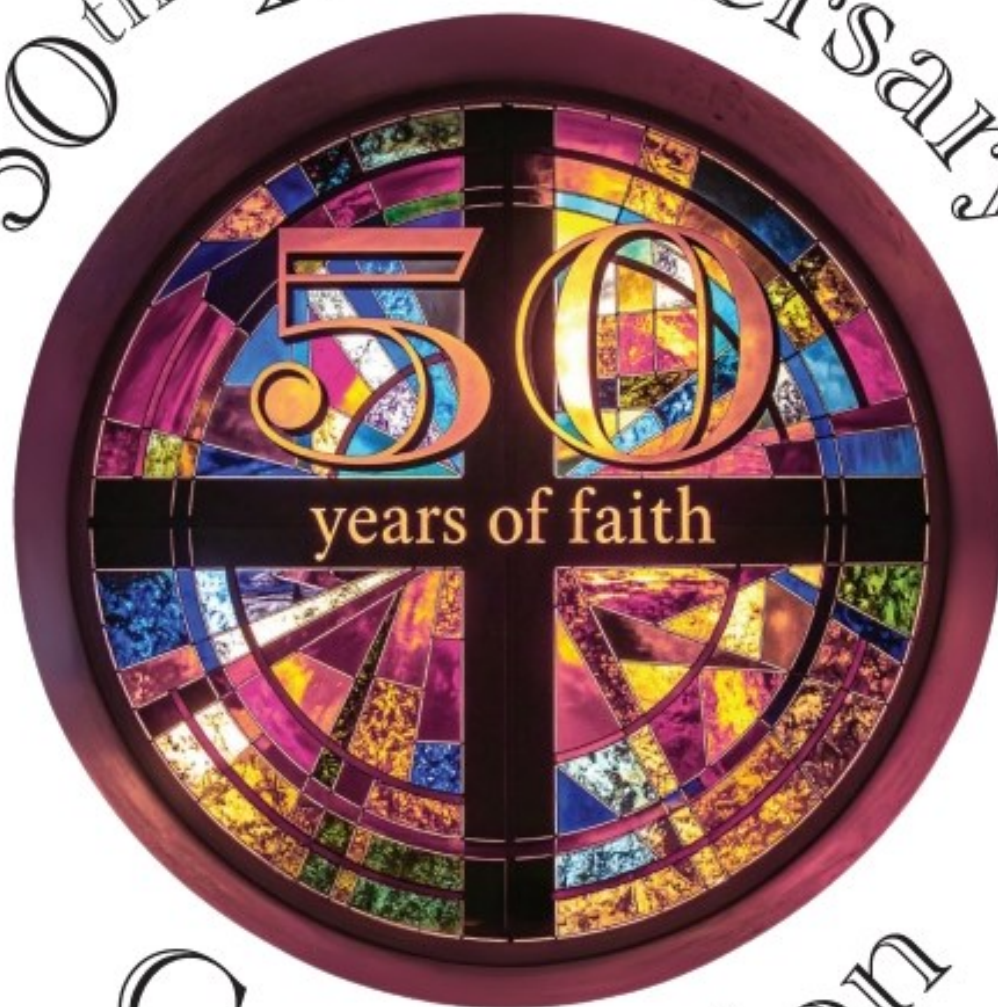


50th Anniversary



Celebration

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
September 21, 2025 10:00 AM

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Wes Smith, Associate Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music
Joni Siepert, Worship and Music Assistant

PRELUDE

The prelude this day is a time to showcase the breadth of music that Christ Our Shepherd has to offer. Please be respectful as you enter the sanctuary to honor all the musicians by limiting your conversations and being attentive to the offerings of all the musical groups.

COS Contemporary Band

*No Fear, Jon Reddick
Holy Water, We the Kingdom*

Christ Our Shepherd Flute Choir

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, arr. Cindy Blevins
Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare, Benedetto Marcello, arr. Bruce Behnke*

GraceFlock (COS first Praise Band-reunited)

*Here I Stand
Spotlight
I Believe*

COS Sanctuary Choir

Come, Ye That Love the Lord, Alice Parker

Joyful Noise Ringers

Exultate, Josh Bauder

CALL TO WORSHIP *Breathe In, Dave Efflandt & Nick Fisher-Broinare
Music and the Master Choir*

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING HYMN *O God beyond All Praising*
Musical Setting by Hal Hopson, Christ Our Shepherd Brass

ELW 880

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

CHOIR ONLY-Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia...

**Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Gracious Lord God, we lift our hearts to you today as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. We give you thanks and praise for your unwavering grace and faithfulness that has sustained us through the years, for every soul touched through this ministry, and for the fellowship of this community. We are grateful for the vision of those who founded this church and for the dedication of all who have served and worshipped here.
C **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

FIRST READING *Selected texts highlighting God's faithfulness across time.*
Congregation reads the underlined verses in bold.

Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; **they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness, O Lord.**

Psalm 100:5

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever **and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Deuteronomy 7:9

Know, therefore, that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, **to a thousand generations.**

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING *Sacrifice*

GraceFlock

SECOND READING *Hebrews 12:1-3*

Read by Pastor Jonathan Trapp, former COS intern

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary in your souls or lose heart.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God**

Please remain seated for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise God with Song, Heinrich Schuetz, arr. David Cherwein
Sanctuary Choir and COS Flute Choir

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL *Luke 15:1-7; John 10:27-30*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke and John.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Founded in Faith in the Good Shepherd's Name

Commissioned for the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Christ Our Shepherd Winds and Sanctuary Choir

- 1. ALL-When founded in faith in the Good Shepherd's name,
this flock felt its calling: God's truth to proclaim.
That brave little flock brought good gifts to employ
in planning and paving a pathway of joy.**

St. 2-sung by those who first connected with COS from 1975-2000.

- 2. Five decades brought leaders who answered God's call
as pastors and staff, Christ-like models for all.
They taught, served, made music, led worship and prayer,
and guided faith's mission to care and to share.**

St. 3-sung by those who first connected with COS after 2000.

- 3. The flock built a sheepfold, its gathering place,
yet knows that one structure can't hold all God's Grace.
The tasks of true building are never complete
'til all lambs have shelter and food fit to eat.**

St. 4-sung by choir only

- 4. Some blessings can burden when comforts entice,
for staying in safety can ask a high price.
But mem'ries shape dreams of great work still to come,
in thanks for God's plenty, in this faith filled home.**

- 5. ALL-We look to the future through hope's eager eyes.
The Spirit works wonders of thrilling surprise.
Fresh visions in faith can make vast mountains move,
when you, Christ, Our Shepherd, lead us with your Love.**

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "Lord, in your mercy," please respond, "Hear our prayer."
The prayers are ended with these words, "Into your hands..... Through Christ our Lord."
Please respond, "Amen."*

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

MUSICAL OFFERING *Morning Dance, Cathy Moklebust*

Joyful Noise Ringers

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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OFFERING PRAYER

- ☞ Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ☞ **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.
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.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Please follow the direction of the ushers to either the communion stations at the front or at the rear of the sanctuary.
 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.*

MUSICAL OFFERING *The Church's One Foundation, arr. Phyllis Tincher & Sean Rogers*
Sarah Juhasz, handbell soloist

COMMUNION HYMN *One Bread, One Body* ELW 496

Refrain—One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless,
 and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Refrain*
 2 Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*
 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

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COMMUNION HYMN *Taste and See* ELW 493

Refrain—Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
 Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
 my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. *Refrain*
 2 Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.
 I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. *Refrain*
 3 Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.
 Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*



Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*

ELW 204

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.****Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.****Alleluia. Alleluia.**

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

☞ Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN*Child of Love***I was walking the wayside Lost on a lonely road****I was chasing the high life Try'n to satisfy my soul****All the lies I believed in Left me crying like the rain****Then I saw lightning from heaven And I've never been the same****I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it I am a child of love****I found a world of freedom I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love****I've felt the sting of the fire But I saw You in the flames****Just when I thought it was over You broke me out of the grave****I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it I am a child of love****I found a world of freedom I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love****Yeah (yeah) Oh (oh) I am a child of love****Yeah (yeah) Oh (oh) I am a child of love****Nothing can change the way You love me Nothing can change the way****I belong to You Yes I do Nothing can separate****Nothing can change the way You love me Nothing can change the way****I belong to You Yes I do Nothing can separate****I'm gonna climb a mountain I am a child of love****I found a world of freedom I am a child of love****I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it I am a child of love****I found a world of freedom I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love****Yeah (yeah) Oh (oh) I am a child of love****Yeah (yeah) Oh (oh) I am a child of love**

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BLESSING

☞ Bless this meal we are about to partake. Bless our fellowship time together.
 Bless those hands who have prepared the meal and those who will serve it.
 Use it to strengthen our bodies that we may serve you this day and into the future.
 The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

☞ **Amen.**

Everyone, please be seated. Those who will be staying for the meal will be dismissed from the sanctuary starting from the front. Those not staying for the meal are encouraged to stay seated to enjoy the postlude music.

POSTLUDE *Changed, Burning Bush, Sing to the Glory**GraceFlock*

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Christ Our Shepherd Brass

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Christ Our Shepherd Contemporary Band

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Christ Our Shepherd Flute Choir

Carolyn Callison, Rita DeNell, Sarah DeNell, Penny Kahley, Lynn Kalinke, Sara Turk, Carolyn West

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Music and the Master Choir

Miriam Barbour, Thorn Cook, Henry Evans, Brooks Hudson, Larson Hudson, Charlotte Pointek, AJ Reyes, Sophia Spatz
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Linda Grabill, Kathie Manes, Jamie Carson, Christie Burton, Sue Byers, David Beecher, Marty Benoit, Joni Siepert

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Sue Summers, Cinda King, Madelyn Lee, Richard King, Carolyn Callison, Lynn Kalinke, David Beecher, Nancy Shepack, Kathie Manes, Etsuko Karnitis, Carolyn West, Andy West, Miriam Beecher, Rita DeNell, Minka Fulton, April Peterson, Marty Hagberg, Jim Hagberg, David Byers, Sue Byers, Kathy Zimmerman, Judy Owen, Celeste Boullion, Jessica Felker

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Christ Our Shepherd timeline on the next page.

Christ Our Shepherd Timeline:

June 1974, Pastor John Weber arrives in Peachtree City as a mission developer.
December 1, 1974, First worship service.
February 1975, Charter established.
April 1975, Land purchased for the first unit.
June 8, 1975, Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church officially organized. Service led by Bishop Harvey Huntley.
October 5, 1975, Pastor John Weber installed as first pastor of Christ Our Shepherd.
June 25, 1978, Church facility completed and dedicated.
July 15, 1989, Rev. Eleanor Russey installed as first Associate Pastor.
July 1989, Mr. Jim Russey became Director of Music.
1991, COS Preschool established.
1998, Rev. Miriam Beecher becomes second Associate Pastor.
1998, Rev. David Beecher becomes Minister of Music.
1999, Fellowship Hall and Education Wing dedicated.
June 27, 2008, Pastor John Weber retires.
September 12, 2010, Pastor Fritz Wiese is installed as Senior Pastor.
November 2022, David Beecher retires.
May 2023, Larry Peterson begins as Director of Worship and Music.
April 15, 2024, Pastor Miriam Beecher retires.
June 22, 2025, Pastor Wes Smith installed as third Associate Pastor.

INTERNS at CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD

1979 Richard Bager
 1980 Ken Olander
 1981 Steve Marko
 1982 Don Rehner
 1983 Howard Pillot
 1984 Rondal and Dena Palm
 1985 George Gilbert
 1986 John Derrick, who was later the founding pastor of Resurrection Lutheran, Newnan
 1987 Bill Hogan
 1988-1998 Associate Pastor Ellie Russey, no interns
 1999 Jennifer Hepler, husband is an ELCA pastor
 2000 Derek Olsen, data engineer; PhD. In New Testament and Homiletics at Candler/Emory; wife is an Episcopal priest
 2001 Janelle (Rozek) Hooper, ELCA pastor in Texas; ELCA Program Director for Ministry with Children;
 ELCA Grant Director at Curious Christian Children: Reimagining Kids in Worship
 2002 Chad Langdon, ELCA pastor in Missouri and Kansas; just elected Assistant to the Bishop in Central States Synod
 2003 Carter Askren, Chaplain at JSSA Hospice; NALC pastor in Maryland
 2004 Liz (Albertson) Bell, just called as Pastor at Holy Spirit Lutheran, Edmonton, Alberta; former Assistant to the Bishop in two ELCA synods
 2005 Karen Pahl, pastor at Christ the Servant Lutheran, Waukesha, Wisconsin
 2006 Pam Smith, retired after pastorates in Tennessee and Florida
 2007 Pauline Farrington (Pezzino) [Murray], former ELCA pastor in Tennessee and Alabama
 2008 Jennifer Korner (Fisher) Moser, pastor at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran, Fort Collins, Colorado
 2016 Jonathan Trapp. Pastor for Faith Formation at Redeemer Lutheran, Atlanta; works at Centers for Disease Control
 2017 Eun Young Kim, Korean pastor, worked at Columbia Theological Seminary and Christ the King Lutheran Church

(name when serving at COS; since changed)

[married name]