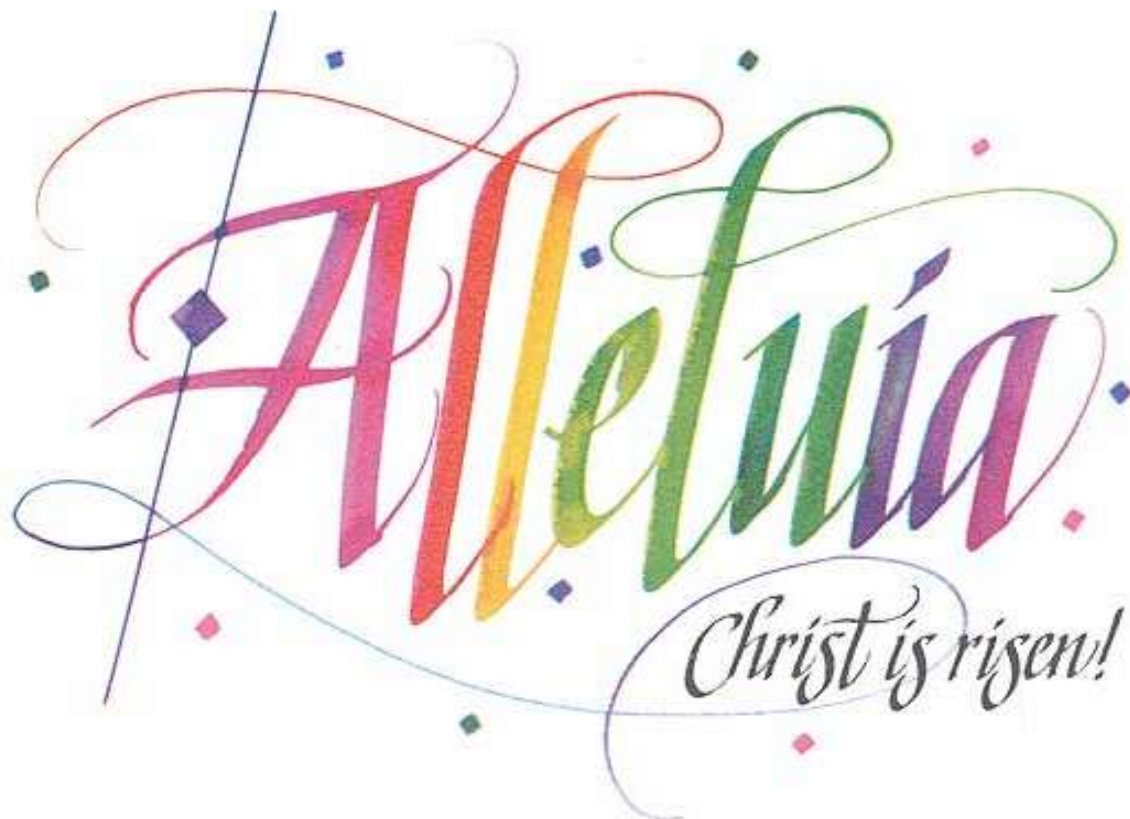


THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
April 5, 2026
8:30 & 11:00 AM

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor

Wes Smith, Associate Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

P = Pastor **L** = Lector [reader] **C** = Congregation
ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion.
The prelude is the beginning of the worship service.
It is a time to focus our hearts and minds in preparation for worship.
Please refrain from loud conversations while the prelude music is playing.*

PRELUDE *Entrata Festiva, Flor Peeters*
Please remain seated.

Christ Our Shepherd Brass and Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP *In the Fair Morning, Mark Sedio*

8:30 Charlotte Pointek; 11:00 M&Ms choir

EASTER PROCLAMATION

P ALLELUIA! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!**
P Risen our victorious head!
C **Alleluia!**
P Sing his praises!
C **Alleluia!**
P Let us rise and keep the feast!
C **Alleluia!**
P ALLELUIA! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!**

Please stand as you are able.

Face the Processional Cross at the rear of the sanctuary as it enters.

GATHERING HYMN *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

ELW Hymn 365

Setting by Cathy & David Moglebust

- 1** **Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
- 2** **Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
- 3** **But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**
- 4** **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
Text in the Public Domain.

APOSTOLIC 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.**

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

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

READING Acts 10:34, 39-43

☐ The reading is from Acts, the 10th chapter.

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them : ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that (Jesus) did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

☐ Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia! Sing Praise, Bach/Hirt*

COS Brass and Sanctuary Choir

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL *Matthew 28:1-10*

Congregation speaks the words in bold print.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, **“Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.”** ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, **“He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.”** This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

At this time, the children may go to the gathering space to join our Director of Children & Family Ministries, Kayleigh Pointek, for Children's Church. They will be brought back into the sanctuary in time for communion.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

ELW Hymn 385

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Merciful God," please respond, "Receive our prayer." The prayers are ended with these words, "God of resurrection power, ... through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior." Please respond, "Amen."

Please stand as you are able.

EXCHANGING THE PEACE

We share a sign of God's peace with those around us.

- P** The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

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

Arise Is the Good Shepherd, K. Lee Scott

COS Brass & Sanctuary Choir

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY *This Joyful Eastertide*

ELW Hymn 391, st. 1

**This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain.
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.**

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934. Text is in the public domain.

OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. We pray this in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.
- C** **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

- ☐ **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 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 the chalice of wine, or you may also choose a packaged cup with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer.
Please indicate to the ushers if you need to have communion brought to you.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

ELW Hymn 373

- 1 **"Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" All on earth with angels say;
raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, reply.**
- 2 **Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! The sun's eclipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.**
- 3 **Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids his rise; Christ has opened paradise.**
- 4 **Lives again our glorious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save; where your victory, O grave?**
- 5 **Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
Thee we greet triumphant now: hail, the resurrection, thou!**
- 6 **King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this:
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Text is in the public domain.

COMMUNION HYMN

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW Hymn 379

- 1 **Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 2 **In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain, thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen; love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 3 **Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.**
- 4 **When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been; love is come again like wheat arising green.**

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958

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COMMUNION HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW Hymn 384

- 1 **That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord!**
- 2 **O Jesus, king of gentleness, with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.**
- 3 **O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**

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**4 All praise, O risen Lord, we give to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!**

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Text is in the public domain.

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 PRAYER

P Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, + bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

ELW Hymn 382

**1 Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!
Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.**

Refrain-**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!**

**2 Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain***

**3 Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay
now has found a glorious morrow in the rising of today.
See the grave its firstfruits giving, springing up from holy ground;
Christ was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found. *Refrain***

**4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall.
We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all.
All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased;
hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain***

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt. Text in the Public Domain.

SENDING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P Praise the Lord! Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

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

POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Carol Jensen-Linton

Crucifer: (8:30) Nate Gundersen (11:00) Sam Kreuzer

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Bob & Sue Blackburn, Shelly Jones, Betty Schmidt, Jaycine Lester

(11:00) Sue & Dave Byers, April Peterson, Mary & Jeff Jeffrey, Don & Miki Stork, Patrick Bauer

Lector: (8:30) Chip Beard (11:00) Marry Jeffrey

Tech Team: (8:30) Chris Gritti, Davida Kilgore (11:00) Kendra Campbell-Milburn, Joni Siepert, Brad Milburn

Ushers: (8:30) Jim Basinger, John Musil, Bob Spruck, Stephen Gundersen (11:00) John Musil, Paul Talbott, Mike & Pat Oliver

CHRIST OUR SHEPHERD BRASS

Trumpet: Morgan Hebert, Lauri Gambrel, Richard King

Horn: Chelby Gambrel

Euphonium: David Byers

Trombone: Oliver Ravita

Baritone Saxophone: Domenic Ravita

Timpani: James McDaniel

Easter Flowers

Sue and Bob Blackburn

In memory of Jayne Troy

In memory of Don and JoAn Morris

In memory of Lois Murphy

In memory of Kyle Blackburn

Eric & Shelly Jakubowski

In memory of David and Diana Noland

Jaycine Lester

In memory of My loved ones

In honor of the COS volunteers

Brad, Kendra & Olivia Milburn

In memory of Mary Milburn

In memory of Michael Campbell

Andy & Carolyn West

In memory of Loves lost: Cindy, Debbie, & L. B.

In honor of the glory of God and Loves found

Jim & Marty Hagberg

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& Jan Zuerner

Carol Jensen-Linton

In memory of Ron Linton

In honor of her sons, daughter,

and their families

Kathie Manes

In memory of John Manes

Susie McVea

In memory of Charles McVea

John & Laura Musil

In honor of our grandchildren:

Troy, Laurel, Emma, Abigail and Samuel

Gloria Wilkins

In memory of Louis George Wilkins

YOU ARE INVITED!

Worship with us on Mother's Day, May 10th at our beautiful Palmetto Road outdoor facility at 10:30 am. It's a great opportunity to worship and then plan a picnic for mom and avoid the crowds at the restaurants.

The property is located at 411 Palmetto Rd, Tyrone, GA.

Invite your extended family and enjoy the afternoon exploring the 33-acre campus.