

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11:00 AM

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = 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 *Fanfare, Michael Keller* *Music & the Master ringers*

☐ ALLELUIA! Christ is risen!
☑ **Christ is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Breathe In, from Elemental Worship Liturgy* *M&M singers*
Please stand as you are able

EASTER LITANY

☐ Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
☑ **Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!**
☐ Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.
☑ **Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!**
☐ Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
☑ **Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!**
☐ We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.
☑ **Amen.**

EXCHANGING THE PEACE *We share a sign of God's peace.*

☐ The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.
☑ **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN *God, You Brought Us All Together*

1 **God, you brought us all together, Gave us this new life to live.**
 You gave us this time of sharing, Send us all the gifts you give.
2 **God, you brought us all together, Think of all that you have done!**
 You gave us this time of sharing, You are close to everyone.
3 **God, you brought us all together, Jesus makes us all as one.**
 You gave us this time of sharing, Joy that lasts has now begun!

APOSTOLIC 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 Day*

Ref. This is the day! This is the Day! This is the day that the Lord has made.
This is the day! This is the Day! This is the day, rejoice and be glad.

- 1** Praise God of the earth. Praise the Lord of the sea.
All of the creatures with all of their features, Lift up their voice and all say: *Refrain*
- 2** Praise God of the Word. Praise the Lord of the note.
Many who play it and those who just say it, Lift up their voice and all say: *Refrain*
- 3** Praise God of the heart. Praise the Lord of all love.
All men and women, All kids under heaven, Lift up their voice and all say: *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Please be seated.

READING Acts 7:55-60

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Please stand as you are able.

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 14:1-14

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Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Making Their Way

ACS Hymn 979

- 1** Making their way down through the ages, sinners and saints have heard God's call:
wealthy and poor, powerful, lowly, Jesus' disciples, one and all.
Gathered for worship, offering thanks, the greatest with the least have come to share this feast.
- 2** Making their way all the world over, Christians assemble on this day,
hearing the Word, sharing the Banquet, learning to walk in Jesus' way.
Members of Christ, united in love, they seek our God to know, and so together grow.
- 3** Making our way season by season, pilgrims, we journey till life's end,
traveling light, sharing the riches, caring for stranger as for friend,
till in the joy of longing fulfilled, together we will come to our eternal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH

God, My Father, I Believe

- 1** God, my Father, I believe You created by your Word,
All the things I need to live, Fam'ly friends, you gladly give.
- 2** Jesus Christ, I do believe You gave up your life for me,
No one else I know could be Filled with so much love for me.

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**3 Holy Spirit, I believe You make Jesus known to me,
Truth is all you want to give, Comfort me, help me to live.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Savior, I Am Safe with You

**1 Savior, I am safe with you, You forgive and love me so,
You have heard each word I prayed, Thank you God, you make me glad!**

**2 Savior, I am safe with you, You gave me your Holy Spirit,
You have heard each word I prayed, Thank you Jesus, I am glad!**

**3 Savior, I am safe with you, Each day you have strengthened me,
You have heard me when I prayed, Holy Spirit make me glad!**

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

Alleluia, Christ Is Risen, Mark Patterson

M&Ms

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW Hymn 379, st. 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.**

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958

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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. In the name of Jesus,

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

**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 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 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 ANTHEM

Panis Angelicus, César Franck

Henry Evans, soloist

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.

G Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *In Peace We Now Depart*

COS Setting

**In peace we now depart, your Word has fed my soul. Joyfully we go into the world.
Help us sing your praise. Help us do your work. Send us out, Lord, to spread your Love.**

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,

G Amen.

BLESSING *I Want to Wish for You, O My Friend*

M&Ms

SENDING HYMN *We Are on Our Way*

1 The time has come to close the books and say goodbye for now.
We'll joyfully go forward with our God to show us how.
When Jesus Christ stays by our side he gives us what is best.
He gives us time for work and time for silence and for rest.

Ref. We are on our way, Moving every day, Going through adventures as we work and as we pray.
God is there to feed Ev'ry growing seed. And will give us ev'rything that we may ever need!
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God is there to feed Ev'ry growing seed. And will give us ev'rything that we may ever need!

2 There is so much to learn our minds will never understand,
The wonders of the universe, the seas and the dry land.
The Word of God will be our guide through summer time or snow,
It is the light that leads us on and tells us where to go. *Refrain*

3 Our gracious God will be with us and bless us as we go.
In prayer we'll stay close to our God and little seeds will grow.
The song of love flows from our hearts so ev'ryone will hear
That God is there for all of us, and help is always near. *Refrain*

SENDING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

G Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

G Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Ushers: Mike & Pat Oliver

This week's altar flowers are given by David & Miriam Beecher in honor of Matthew's birthday.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, May 3

READING Acts 7:55-60

ℒ The reading is from Acts, the 7th chapter.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

ℒ Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

☪ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL John 14:1-14

ℙ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

☪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

ℙ The Gospel of the Lord.

☪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**