

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
April 26, 2026 9:45 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Wes Smith, Assoc. Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music
Youth, Lectors

P = Pastor **C** = All **L** = Leader

↑ **CALL TO WORSHIP: EVIDENCE/ MIRACLE POWER**

~Please be seated~

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ **OPENING SONG: UNTITLED HYMN**

↑ **OPENING DIALOGUE**

L Awaken from your slumber,
and bring your fears and anxieties
into the presence of the Lord our God.

C Hear the call of our Shepherd, and allow His voice
to lead from selfish ambition to the feast of grace.
May the light of Christ shine into the hidden
darkness of our lives and restore us
for the service of the Lord.

L Come let us worship God.

~written by Rev MaryAnn Rennie

↑ **SONG OF PRAISE: HALLELUJAH FEELING**

~Please be seated~

READING: Acts 2:42-47 *see insert*

↑ **GOSPEL: John 10:1-10** *see insert*

SERMON Pastor Wes

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: I KNOW A NAME**

↑ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

~Please be seated~

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

OFFERING

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We acknowledge that you may have given
Online or through the mail. Thank you.



↑ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

↑ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (cont.)**

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave
thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your
name; your kingdom come, your will be
done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today
our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we
forgive those who sin against us; Save us
from the time of trial and deliver us from
evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH or at home with your household

COMMUNION SONG: OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL)

↑ **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

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 SONG: LEAD ON GOOD SHEPHERD**

DISMISSAL

L Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

THE LESSONS

Sunday, April 26

READING: Acts 2:42-47

Ⓐ Today's reading is from Acts, the 2nd chapter.

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Ⓐ The Word of the Lord.

Ⓒ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

Ⓐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

Ⓒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Ⓐ The Gospel of the Lord.

Ⓒ **Praise to you, O Christ.**