

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia  
May 3, 2026 9:45 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Youth, Lectors

P = Pastor C = All L = Leader

↑ **CALL TO WORSHIP: SON OF DAVID**

*~Please be seated~*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

↑ **OPENING SONG: HONEY IN THE ROCK**

↑ **OPENING DIALOGUE**

L Come, people of God!  
Take refuge in the Lord,

C who listens when we cry out,  
who rescues us when we call,  
and who leads and guides us  
according to his unfailing love.

L You are our God;  
we gather together to worship You,

C our Rock and our Redeemer,  
the one in whom we find refuge.  
You are our rock and our fortress, O God;  
into your hands we place our lives.

↑ **SONG OF PRAISE: HALLELUJAH FEELING**

*~Please be seated~*

**READING: Acts 7:55-60** see insert

↑ **GOSPEL: John 14:1-14** see insert

**SERMON** Pastor Fritz

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: FIRM FOUNDATION**

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

*~Please be seated~*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

**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: COUNT THE STARS**

↑ **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: JESUS DOES**

**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, May 3

## READING: Acts 7:55-60

📖 Today's reading is from Acts, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>55</sup>But filled with the Holy Spirit, (Stephen) gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then 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. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then 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.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

🙏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In 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? <sup>3</sup>And 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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus 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’? <sup>10</sup>Do 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. <sup>11</sup>Believe 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. <sup>12</sup>Very 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. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Praise to you, O Christ.**