

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

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## ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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

### ↑ CALL TO WORSHIP: *BANNER*

*~Please be seated~*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ↑ OPENING SONG: *I KNOW A NAME*

#### ↑ OPENING DIALOGUE:

- L** We are witnesses,
  - C** witnesses to the love God has poured into us.
  - L** We are witnesses of God's love,
  - C** sharing it with each person we meet.
  - L** We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,
  - C** little children like us,
- sisters and brothers in God's family.

*~ written by Thom Shuman*

#### ↑ SONG OF PRAISE: *HALLELUJAH FEELING*

*~Please be seated~*

READING: Acts 1:1-11 see insert

#### ↑ GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53 see insert

SERMON Pastor Fritz

#### ↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *TRUST IN GOD*

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

*~Please be seated~*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### EXCHANGE OF PEACE

### OFFERING

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

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.
- 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: *AGNUS DEI/ KING OF KINGS*

#### ↑ 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: *MAY THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU*

- 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 17

## READING: Acts 1:1-11

📖 Today's reading is from Acts, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

🙏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Praise to you, O Christ.**