

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 2026 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor

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Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation
ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of Holy Communion.
The prelude is the beginning of the worship service.*

Please refrain from loud conversations while the prelude music is playing.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☐ Compassionate God,

☑ **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

☐ Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

☑ **Amen.**

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

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

GATHERING HYMN *All Are Welcome*

ELW Hymn 641

Please use either the red hymnal in the pew rack or the LED projection screens for the music and words.

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 *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

ELW Hymn 857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954

Music: LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME, Rick Founds

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PSALMODY Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 *read responsively*

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READING Romans 6:12-23

see insert page 5

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.*

ELW Hymn 174

GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-42

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Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Wes

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *God, We Gather as Your People*

ACS Hymn 1038

1 God, we gather as your people to raise our song above, and we dare to claim the promise of your love.
Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be, when your children will be free.

Ref.- Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong. May that welcome be our song.

2 Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be free; and we sing for generations yet to be,
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest. *Refrain*

3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame,
so afraid of who they are and whom they love.
May the message now be banished that your love is for the few; may their faith in you renew. *Refrain*

4 God, we're working for the future when children far and wide
can live their lives with dignity and pride.
As they grow in strength and stature, may they join us hand in hand, as against all hate we stand. *Refrain*

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES CREED

P Let us profess our baptismal faith together.

G **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace," please respond, "Hear our prayer." The prayers are ended with these words, "Trusting you receive all our prayers, ..., through Jesus our Savior." Please respond, "Amen."

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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.

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MUSICAL OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW Hymn 184

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

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OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

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 are you, God of power and might; heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.** —*ELW Hymn 191*

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 HYMN *Lamb of God*

ELW Hymn 195

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

COMMUNION HYMN *Just As I Am, without One Plea*

ELW Hymn 592

1 Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Hymn continues next page.

**3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come,**

**4 Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871 Text in 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.

G Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

G Amen.

BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

G Amen.

SENDING HYMN *To Be Your Presence*

ELW Hymn 546

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SENDING

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news
and invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Susie Lucsko

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Buddy Troy, Chip Beard, Margaret Aldredge (11:00) Mary & Jeff Jeffrey, Sharon Lynch

Lector: (8:30) Jaycine Lester (11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton

Tech Team: (8:30) Chris Gritti, Davida Kilgore (11:00) Datkota Atkins, Joni Siefert, Brad McCumber

Ushers: (8:30) Steve Gundersen, Bob Spruck (11:00) Jim Christopher, Tom Conrad

*This week's altar flowers are given by David & Miriam Beecher in celebration of America's 250th birthday,
and in the hope that America will again be a beacon of peace and justice.*

THE LESSONS

Sunday, June 28

PSALMODY Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18

☐ We read the psalm responsively.

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴**‘I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶**They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

READING Romans 6:12-23

☐ The reading is from Romans, the 6th chapter.

¹²Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

☐ Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

☒ **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel on back

GOSPEL Matthew 10:40-42

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**