

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

August 2, 2026 9:45 a.m.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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: *COME AS YOU ARE*

~Please be seated~

WELCOME & BACKPACK BLESSING

↑ OPENING SONG: *CROWDED TABLE*

↑ OPENING DIALOGUE

- L** Only the hungry search for bread.
Only the thirsty look for water.

C This is a place for those who are hungry
and thirsty in spirit.

- L** Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.
Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

C This is a place for those who ache and yearn for
something more. So let us come here today with our
hunger and thirst, our unsatisfied longings, our heart-
felt yearnings, and let the God of life satisfy our souls.

~ written by Ann Siddall

↑ SONG OF PRAISE: *ANY MORE*

~Please be seated~

READING: Isaiah 55:1-5 *see insert*

↑ GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21 *see insert*

SERMON Pastor Fritz

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *O COME TO THE ALTAR*

↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

~Please be seated~

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: COS YOUTH

OFFERING

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

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

OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray.

C Gracious God, we bring these gifts
before you today with hearts full of gratitude.
We know all good things come from Your hand.
Please bless this offering and use it to bring shelter,
comfort, and hope to those who need it most. 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.

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: *TO THE TABLE*

↑ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION

- P** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

C Amen.

↑ SENDING SONG: *SING WHEREVER I GO*

DISMISSAL

- L** Go in peace. Invite all to join in connecting
to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH, Aug 2, 2026-10th Sunday after Pent. (Contemp.)

READER: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

[A brief silence.]

READER: For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all.

Merciful God, ALL: RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

READER: For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables.

Merciful God, ALL: RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

READER: For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. As this week we remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace.

Merciful God, ALL: RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

READER: For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit.

Merciful God, ALL: RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

READER: For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community.

Merciful God, ALL: RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

READER: With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death.

Merciful God, ALL: RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

AM: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, August 2

READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

L Today's reading is from Isaiah, the 55th chapter.

¹Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

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

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me."

¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.