

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
July 19, 2026 9:45 a.m.

EIGHTH 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: *MIRACLE POWER***

~Please be seated~

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ **OPENING SONG: *EASY***

↑ **OPENING DIALOGUE:**

L In faith, we gather to worship you, O God.

C **This is where you teach us your ways,
that we may walk in your paths.
This is where we hear and act
upon your word of peace and justice.**

L Our God is a God of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger, and filled with unfailing love
and faithfulness.

C **So come, let's worship God together.
For great is His love toward us!**

↑ **SONG OF PRAISE: *TURN! TURN! TURN!***

~Please be seated~

READING: Romans 8:12-25 see insert

↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43** see insert

SERMON Pastor Wes

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: *DON'T LET THE
DARKNESS GET YOU DOWN***

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

~Please be seated~

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING

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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: *COUNT THE STARS*

↑ **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING &
BENEDICTION**

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

C **Amen.**

↑ **SENDING SONG: *HOLY WATER***

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, July 19, 2026-8th Sunday after Pent. (Contemp.)

ALL: WHERE ARE YOU GOING . . . WARMTH. WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

READER: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

[A brief silence.]

READER: God our source, protect your church from all that threatens to choke out your grace. Restore us when we choose judgment over mercy, and guide us through the complexities of life so that we may bear faithful witness.

God of grace, TEACH US TO WALK WITH YOU.

ALL: FAR BEYOND WHERE THE HORIZON . . . WALK AND WALK.

READER: God our creator, sustain all creation—from the depths of the oceans to the farthest galaxies—and renew in us a commitment to live justly with the earth and with one another. Grant wisdom and compassion to all in authority, that their leadership may foster the flourishing of all.

God of grace, TEACH US TO WALK WITH YOU.

ALL: I SHALL CALL THE PEBBLE . . . BY MY SIDE.

READER: God our hope, be a steadfast refuge for all whose lives have been uprooted by war, disaster, illness, unemployment, or injustice. Bless educators, caregivers, camp staff, and all who nurture the next generation, and with all the saints keep us rooted in the promise of your salvation.

God of grace, TEACH US TO WALK WITH YOU.

PASTOR: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

ALL: AMEN.

BY MY SIDE. (9X)

THE LESSONS

Sunday, July 19

READING: Romans 8:12-25

L Today's reading is from Romans, the 8th chapter.

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.