



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia

July 26, 2026 8:30, 9:45, & 11AM

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor      Wes Smith, Associate Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

Brad Milburn, Director of Contemporary Worship

Band: James Callison, Rita DeNell, Brad McCumber, James McDaniel, & Wally Weaver

Vocal Leader: James Hagberg

Vocals: Katy Arnold, Dave Byers, Sue Byers, James Callison, Lizzie Cunningham,  
Rita DeNell, James Hagberg, Marty Hagberg, Allison McCumber, Ben McCumber,  
Donna McDaniel, Brad Milburn, Kendra Milburn, Charlotte Pointek,  
Delee Rehak, Tom Rehak, Wes Smith, Carolyn West

Lector: Chip Beard (8:30), Rebecca Nicholson (9:45), Kathie Manes (11AM)

**PRELUDE: *PREPARE YE*****WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

↑ **OPENING DIALOGUE: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8***see page 3*

↑ **OPENING SONG: *SAVE THE PEOPLE***

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L Let us pray.

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits thou hast given me,  
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.  
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

G Amen.

↑ **SONG OF PRAISE: *DAY BY DAY***

*Please be seated*

**PSALMODY: Psalm 119:129-136***see page 3*

**SONG: *LEARN YOUR LESSONS WELL***

**READING: Romans 8:26-39***see page 4*

**SONG: *ALL FOR THE BEST***

↑ **GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52***see page 4*

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: *WE BESEECH THEE***

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

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING**

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

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

**OFFERING SONG: *ALL GOOD GIFTS***

**EXCHANGE OF PEACE****PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: *YOU ARE THE LIGHT  
OF THE WORLD***

↑ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

G We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G 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**

G 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: *ON THE WILLOWS***

↑ **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING &  
BENEDICTION**

P May the body and blood  
of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

G Amen.

P Go now with songs of joy upon your lips and the  
love of Christ within your hearts. Sing of God's  
goodness, walk in the way of compassion, and let  
your lives become a melody of hope for a weary  
world. May your light shine before others, your faith  
be steadfast, and your joy be contagious, until all  
creation joins the song of God's redeeming love.  
And may the blessing of God Almighty—Father,  
+ Son, and Holy Spirit—be with you, and fill your  
hearts with music, now and forever.

G Amen.

↑ **SENDING SONG: *BLESS THE LORD***

**DISMISSAL**

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

G Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

# THE READINGS

Sunday, July 26

## OPENING DIALOGUE: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

☒ Please join me in reading our opening dialogue.

<sup>1</sup>For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup>**a time to be born and a time to die;**

**a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;**

<sup>3</sup>**a time to kill and a time to heal;**

**a time to break down and a time to build up;**

<sup>4</sup>**a time to weep and a time to laugh;**

**a time to mourn and a time to dance;**

<sup>5</sup>**a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;**

**a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;**

<sup>6</sup>**a time to seek and a time to lose;**

**a time to keep and a time to throw away;**

<sup>7</sup>**a time to tear and a time to sew;**

**a time to keep silent and a time to speak;**

<sup>8</sup>**a time to love and a time to hate;**

**a time for war and a time for peace.**

## PSALMODY: Psalm 119:129-136

☒ We read the psalm responsively.

<sup>129</sup>Your decrees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

<sup>130</sup>**When your word is opened it gives light;**

**it gives understanding to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup>I open my mouth and pant

because I long for your commandments.

<sup>132</sup>**Turn to me and be gracious to me,**

**as you always do to those who love your name.**

<sup>133</sup>Order my footsteps in your word;

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

<sup>134</sup>**Rescue me from those who oppress me,**

**and I will keep your commandments.**

<sup>135</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant

and teach me your statutes.

<sup>136</sup>**My eyes shed streams of tears,**

**because people do not keep your teaching.**

## READING: Romans 8:26-39

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

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**L** The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God

## GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>Jesus put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to you, O Christ.