

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

July 5, 2026 9:45 a.m.

SIXTH 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: *WE SHALL BE FREE*

~Please be seated~

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ OPENING SONG: *SHED A LITTLE LIGHT*

↑ OPENING DIALOGUE:

L God of love and mercy, You have blessed this land, making it a great and wonderful place to live and work and play.

C Instill in us the humility which comes from the knowledge that we have done nothing to deserve the blessings we have. Sensitize us to the dignity of all people that we may respect their individuality of culture and spirituality. Lead us to understand their needs within the context of their lives. Supply us with the wisdom to assist them without imposing our customs upon them. Continue to direct and enlighten us that we may be servants to the world and all peoples. Amen.

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↑ SONG OF PRAISE: *TURN, TURN, TURN*

~Please be seated~

READING: Zechariah 9:9-12_{see insert}

↑ GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30_{see insert}

SERMON Pastor Wes

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *EASY*

OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

~Please be seated~

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

OFFERING

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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: *PEACE*

↑ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION

P The Author of life,
the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth,
✝ one God, bless you and equip you
for living and serving, today and every day.

C Amen.

↑ SENDING SONG: *FIREWORK*

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 5, 2026-6th Sunday after Pent. (Contemp.)

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

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

[A brief silence.]

READER: Gathering God, send your Spirit upon your church. Unite us as one body across every nation, heal our divisions, and strengthen us to bear faithful witness in the world. Bless all church leaders with wisdom, clarity, and courage in proclaiming the gospel.

God of grace, let us walk with You.

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

READER: Creator God, whose works fill the earth with praise, renew our wonder at the beauty of your creation. Guide us to care for the lands, waters, and all living things, so that future generations may share in their abundance and joy.

God of grace, let us walk with You.

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

READER: Holy Trinity, source of unity amid diversity, make us a people who delight in one another's gifts and seek justice, humility, and peace. Embrace all who are oppressed, displaced, imprisoned, or in need of hope, and gather us at last with all the saints into your eternal city.

God of grace, let us walk with You.

PASTOR: Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

ALL: AMEN.

BY MY SIDE. (9X)

THE LESSONS

Sunday, July 5

READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

Ⓐ Today's reading is from Zechariah, the 9th chapter.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Ⓐ The Word of the Lord.

☛ **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel is on the back.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁰Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. ²¹“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

²²But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

²³And you, Capernaum,
will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

“For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

²⁴But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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