

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2026 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Wes Smith, Associate Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

☐ = 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 11:00 *Come, Ye that Love the Lord, Parker/Shaw* Sanctuary Choir
 11:00 *Be Thou My Vision, Heffler* Carolyn Callison, flute

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 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* *ELW 310*
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 *You Are Holy* *ELW Hymn 525*

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand.

You are always at hand.

**Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.**

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

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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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

Please be seated.

READING Romans 5:6-11. from *The Message*

see insert page 5

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

ELW Hymn 172

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL John 8:2-11

see insert page 5

Please be seated.

SERMON *Better Ways to Read the Bible Series: Moralism Lens*

Pastor Fritz

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Before the Ancient One Christ Stands*

ACS Hymn 953

- 1 **Before the Ancient One, Christ stands, enrobed in cloud and bright as snow,
five wounds imprint his side, feet, hands, and thorns, the garland on his brow.
Yet thrones and pow'rs fall to the knee and weave a song of majesty,
for what the world admires as gain is not the essence of Christ's reign,
and strength is his, and name and might, because he pitied humans' plight.**
- 2 **Who was, who is, and is to come as servant lived in human sphere;
compassion was his diadem; his glory was the gentle tear;
humility, his purple garb; the healing hand, his royal orb.
Such love drew ire and ire drew death, but God has proved the truer strength,
and through all space the host proclaims the name above all other names.**
- 3 **Now in the latter days you call, O Christ, and plead the premise clear,
that power grasped is none at all, and serving shows your Spirit near.
As nations clash and wisdom wanes, as glories tempt and greed sustains,
you bid us choose in ev'ry hour the pow'r of love, the greatest pow'r,
that love may herald God's domain, and you, at last, may come to reign.**

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Please be seated.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Merciful God," please respond, "Receive our prayer." The prayers are ended with these words, "Receive our prayers ... in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." Please respond, "Amen."

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

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.



MUSICAL OFFERING 8:30-Hear Me, Redeemer, Mollicone
11:00-Celebrate, Hampton

Carolyn West, soloist
Sanctuary Choir

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

ELW Hymn 885

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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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 **1. Holy, holy, holy holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**2. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

—TFBF Hymn 32

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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*

TFBF Hymn 35

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING *11:00-Hear Me, Redeemer, Mollicone*

Carolyn West, soloist

COMMUNION HYMN*The Trumpets Sound the Angels Sing**ELW Hymn 531*

- 1** **The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.**

Ref. **Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.**

- 2** **Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine. *Refrain***

- 3** **The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord. *Refrain***

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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 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**ELW Hymn 815*

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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**Acknowledgements**

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Altar Guild: Betty Schmidt

Communion Assistants: (8:30) Debra Neu,, Shelly Jones, Billy Grabill

(11:00) Miki and Don Stork, Vickie Dauenhauer

Lector: (8:30) Sue Blackburn

(11:00) Marty Hagberg

Tech Team: (8:30) Dakota Atkins, Davida Kilgore

(11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton, Joni Siepert, Brad Milburn

Ushers: (8:30) David & Jennifer Vold

(11:00) Ethan Miller, Jan Fratto

This week's altar flowers are given by Kathie Manes in honor of Jackson Manes' birthday.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, August 30

First Lesson: Romans 5:6-11. from *The Message*

L The first lesson is from the Romans, the 5th chapter.

⁶⁻⁸ Christ arrives right on time to make this happen. He didn't, and doesn't, wait for us to get ready. He presented himself for this sacrificial death when we were far too weak and rebellious to do anything to get ourselves ready. And even if we hadn't been so weak, we wouldn't have known what to do anyway If, when we were at our worst, we were put on friendly terms with God by the sacrificial death of his Son, now that we're at our best, just think of how our lives will expand and deepen by means of his resurrection life! Now that we have actually received this amazing friendship with God, we are no longer content to simply say it in plodding prose. We sing and shout our praises to God through Jesus, the Messiah!

L Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL John 8:2-11

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

² Early in the morning Jesus came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, ⁴ they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. ⁵ Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶ They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸ And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.