

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
August 30, 2026 9:45 a.m.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Youth, Lectors

P = Pastor **C** = All **L** = Leader

↑ **CALL TO WORSHIP: *UNTO YOUR NAME***

~Please be seated~

WELCOME

↑ **OPENING SONG: *BROKEN VESSELS***

↑ **OPENING DIALOGUE**

L With great rejoicing, we enter the house of the Lord!

C We come to praise the One who is our refuge and our strength.

L Lift up your eyes, for God comes to us with compassion and love.

C We bring our burdened and broken spirits, seeking God's presence and healing.

L Rejoice! For the God who created you comes to redeem you and make you whole.

C We joyfully celebrate the Living God, who embraces us with mercy and calls us to new life.

↑ **SONG OF PRAISE: *ANY MORE***

~Please be seated~

READING: Romans 5:6-11*see insert*

↑ **GOSPEL: John 8:2-11***see insert*

SERMON Pastor Fritz

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: *I THANK GOD***

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

~Please be seated~

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

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: *GRATITUDE*

↑ **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

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

C Amen.

↑ **SENDING SONG: *UNTO YOUR NAME***

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 30, 2026-14th 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 the church in every land, that its mission and ministry be anchored in the love of Christ. Strengthen us to take up our cross and follow you faithfully, and unite your people in purpose, humility, and love.

Merciful God, ALL: RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

ALL: SPIRIT LEAD ME . . . YOU WOULD CALL ME

READER: For your creation and for all nations, that all life may thrive and that people may live in peace with one another. Bring relief to communities affected by drought, floods, fires, storms, and violence. Bless all who work for peace, justice, and the care of your creation.

Merciful God, ALL: RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

ALL: TAKE ME DEEPER . . . PRESENCE OF MY SAVIOR

READER: For all who are in need, that they may know your provision and care. Ensure all your children have access to food, water, shelter, and medical care, and bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit. Renew our hope in your promises and strengthen us to serve our neighbors.

Merciful God, ALL: RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.

ALL: SPIRIT LEAD ME . . . YOU WOULD CALL ME

PASTOR: 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.

ALL: TAKE ME DEEPER

**THAN MY FEET COULD EVER WANDER
AND MY FAITH WILL BE MADE STRONGER
IN THE PRESENCE OF MY SAVIOR**

**I WILL CALL UPON YOUR NAME
KEEP MY EYES ABOVE THE WAVES
MY SOUL WILL REST IN YOUR EMBRACE
I AM YOURS AND YOU ARE MINE**

THE LESSONS

Sunday, August 30

READING: Romans 5:6-11

L Today's reading is from Romans, the 5th chapter.

⁶⁻⁸Christ 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 The Word of the Lord.

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.

²Early in the morning Jesus came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. ³The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, ⁴they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. ⁵Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶They 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. ⁷When 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." ⁸And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹She 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.