

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

## Peachtree City, Georgia

The Fifth Sunday in Lent ☩ March 21, 2021 ☩ 11:00 A.M.

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**P** = Pastor    **L** = Lector [reader]    **C** Congregation    *ELW* = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)

### PRELUDES

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate to the number in your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." So in these days of required distancing, longing to share the Lord's Supper again soon physically together at one table of the Lord, we acknowledge communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space. This will be another form of that connection. We understand no precedents are being set in these unique times.*

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

### CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

- P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **C** Amen.
- P** God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.  
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.* **P** Fountain of living water,
- C** **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**  
**Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood.**  
**Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**
- P** Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ☩ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.  
Journey in the way of Jesus. **C** Amen.

### GATHERING SONG: *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

*ELW Hymn 557*

- 1** Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice.
- 3** Lord, I my vows to thee renew. Disperse my sins as morning dew;  
guard my first springs of thought and will; and with thyself my spirit fill.
- 4** Direct, control, suggest, this day, all I design or do or say,  
that all my pow'rs, with all their might, in thy sole glory may unite.
- 5** 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.

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### GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers.  
Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. **C** Amen.

**DIALOGUE: based on Galatians 5:16-26, “Fruitful Living”**

- L** Our Dialogue is based on our Lenten Theme. Please read responsively with me—you at home, too.
- L** Lord, sometimes life is hard when people get so negative with each other.
- C** **Where is the joy in life when we tear each other down with enmity, strife, and jealousy?**
- L** It’s hard to breathe when the atmosphere is polluted with quarrels, dissensions, factions, and envy.
- C** **So Jesus followers, listen up! As St. Paul encourages us, be the positive change.**
- L** Allow the Holy Spirit to bear new fruit through each of you: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, goodness, and self-control.
- C** **By shifting the menu to what Christ offers, others will start tasting the kingdom of God.**
- L** Word of God, word of life. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**LESSON: 2 Peter 1:4-8**—*New Century Version*

- L** The Lesson is from the second letter of Peter, the first chapter
- [J**esus] gave us the very great and precious promises. With these gifts you can share in God’s nature, and the world will not ruin you with its evil desires.
- <sup>5</sup>Because you have these blessings, do your best to add these things to your lives: to your faith, add goodness; and to your goodness, add knowledge; <sup>6</sup>and to your knowledge, add self-control; and to your self-control, add patience; and to your patience, add service for God; <sup>7</sup>and to your service for God, add kindness for your brothers and sisters in Christ; and to this kindness, add love. <sup>8</sup>If all these things are in you and are growing, they will help you to be useful and productive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- L** Word of God, word of life. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: For the Fruit of All Creation***ELW Hymn 679*

- 1** **For the FRUIT of all creation, thanks be to God.**  
**For these gifts to ev’ry nation, thanks be to God.**  
**For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,**  
**future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

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**GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37**—*New Century Version*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**T**hen an expert on the law stood up to test Jesus, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to get life forever?”  
<sup>26</sup>Jesus said, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?”  
<sup>27</sup>The man answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.” Also, “Love your neighbor as you love yourself.”  
<sup>28</sup>Jesus said to him, “Your answer is right. Do this and you will live.”  
<sup>29</sup>But the man, wanting to show the importance of his question, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”  
<sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “As a man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, some robbers attacked him. They tore off his clothes, beat him, and left him lying there, almost dead. <sup>31</sup>It happened that a priest was going down that road. When he saw the man, he walked by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>Next, a Levite came there, and after he went over and looked at the man, he walked by on the other side of the road. <sup>33</sup>Then a Samaritan traveling down the road came to where the hurt man was. When he saw the man, he felt very sorry for him. <sup>34</sup>The Samaritan went to him, poured olive oil and wine on his wounds, and bandaged them. Then he put the hurt man on his own donkey and took him to an inn where he cared for him. <sup>35</sup>The next day, the Samaritan brought out two coins, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of this man. If you spend more money on him, I will pay it back to you when I come again.’”  
<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus said, “Which one of these three men do you think was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by the robbers?”  
<sup>37</sup>The expert on the law answered, “The one who showed him mercy.”  
 Jesus said to him, “Then go and do what he did.”

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

## SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our fev'rish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper rev'rence, praise.
- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.
- 5 Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

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## OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

- P** Let us confess our baptismal faith together.
- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God." Please respond, "Your mercy is great."  
The prayers are ended with these words, "We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you,  
O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Please respond, "Amen."*

INVITATION TO OFFERING: *Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| <b>P</b> The Lord be with you.   | <b>C</b> And also with you.        |
| <b>P</b> Lift up your hearts.  | <b>C</b> We lift them to the Lord. |
| <b>P</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.   |                                    |
| <b>C</b> It is right to give our thanks and praise.  |                                    |
| <b>P</b> It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places<br>give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.<br>You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,<br>that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.<br>And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,<br>we praise your name. |                                    |

## 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

**☩** 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.

## SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

*As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:  
“The body of Christ for you” and “The blood of Christ for you.”*

## HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

*ELW Hymn 888*

**3** O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in SELF-CONTROL, thy liberty in law.

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## PASTORAL BLESSING

## BENEDICTION

**☩** You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **☩** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN: *God Grace and God of Glory*

*ELW Hymn 705*

**1** God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

**2** Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days,

**3** Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to YOUR CONTROL;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

**4** Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

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## DISMISSAL

**☩** Go in peace. Share the good news of God's kindness. Invite all to join in connecting  
to Jesus' pathway of joy and life. **☩** Thanks be to God.

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