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Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia

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The Third Sunday in Lent ☩ March 20, 2022 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
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☐ = Pastor   ☒ = Lector [reader]   ☑ = Congregation   *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)*  
↑ Please stand as you are able.

## PRELUDES

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.*

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Miriam

### ↑ CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

☐ Blessed is the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us,  
and guides us in our pilgrimage.   ☑   **Amen.**   *Silence is kept for reflection.*

☐ Holy One,

☑ **we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us!  
Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

☐ Beloved, return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding  
in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. [Joel 2:13]

In ☩ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

☑ **Amen.**

### ↑ GATHERING HYMN: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

*ELW Hymn 779*

- 1   **Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**
- 2   **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**
- 3   **Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**
- 4   **The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**
- 5   **When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

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### ↑ 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 FOR LENT: *Vieme to, Pane Bože nás*

*ELW Hymn 602*

1   *Leader:* O God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.   ►

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**All: Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev'ry evil, ev'ry woe;  
upon your cross-forsaken Son our death is laid, and peace is won.**

2 *Leader:* O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

**All: Your arms extend, O Christ, to save from sting of death and grasp of grave;  
your scars before the Father move his heart to mercy at such love.**

3 *Leader:* O God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.

**All: O lavish Giver, come to aid the children that your word has made.  
Now make us grow and help us pray; bring joy and comfort; come to stay.**

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### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness [Psalm 86:15]. Help us to grow in your grace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

### READING: The “G” of Grace

**L** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [Ephesians 1:2]  
Today’s Lesson is from Paul’s letters to the Christians at Colossae and Ephesus.

**L** <sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

**C** **You have heard of this hope in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup> ... and the day you heard it truly comprehended the grace of God.**

**L** <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**C** **<sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him ..., <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

**L** <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

**C** **<sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works.**

**L** Word of God, word of life. **C Thanks be to God.**

### ↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us*

*ELW page 103*

**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.**

### ↑ HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:11-14, 20, 24b, 25-32

**P** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. [Galatians 1:3]  
The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need ... <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>24</sup>... ‘This son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. ▶

“**N**ow his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Miriam

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*

*ELW Hymn 716*

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace to love all people, ev'ry race;  
and in each person may I see my kindred, loved, redeemed by thee.
- 2 Break down the wall that would divide thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.  
My neighbor's good let me pursue; let Christian love bind warm and true.
- 3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred by loveless act and thoughtless word.  
Make me to see the wrong I do will crucify my Lord anew.
- 4 Give me thy courage, Lord to speak whenever strong oppress the weak.  
Should I myself the victim be, help me forgive, rememb'ring thee.
- 5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy Holy Spirit willed,  
that all I touch, where'er I be, may be divinely touched by thee.

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

**P** Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

- G** 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 "Merciful God," please respond, "receive our prayer."  
The prayers are ended with these words, "Accept the prayers we bring, O God,  
on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ." Please respond, "Amen."*

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

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



↑ **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.      **C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.** —ELW page 108

## ↑ 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, 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.  
Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.  
At home commune 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 (8:30): *That Priceless Grace*

*ELW Hymns 591*

- 1** **That priceless grace, that priceless grace, that priceless grace, which gave me life:  
Jesus' life is priceless grace. That priceless grace is life for me.**
- 4** **That precious word, that precious word, that precious word, which brought me light:  
Jesus' word is priceless grace. That priceless grace is life for me.**

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- 1** **Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand;  
not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb.  
Into your presence you call us, you call us to come.  
Into your presence you draw us, and now by your grace we come, now by your grace we come.**
- 2** **Lord, if you mark our transgressions, who would stand?  
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.  
Lord, if you mark our transgressions, who would stand?  
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.**

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**ANTHEM during COMMUNION (11:00): *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms****Sanctuary Choir; Carolyn Callison, flute*

- 1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come ...

- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

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**↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

- ☞ The Lord bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup>the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
<sup>26</sup>the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. [Numbers 6:24-26]

**☞ Amen.****↑ SENDING HYMN: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy****ELW Hymn 588*

- 1 **There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.**
- 2 **There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;  
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.**
- 3 **For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the head.**

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**↑ DISMISSAL**

- ☞ Go in peace.  
Be hospitable to one another ... <sup>10</sup>Just as each of you has received a gift, so you should use it for ministry  
one to another, as good stewards of God's many-sided grace. [1 Peter 4:9-10]  
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

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