

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

March 12, 2023 9:45 a.m.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

Bill Grabill, Guest Speaker

Barbara Anderson, Second Sunday Coordinator

James McDaniel, Drums Robin Merriman, Acoustic Guitar

LuAnne Wiese, Vocals Kendra Campbell-Milburn, Vocals

Cheryl Dietmeyer, Keyboard

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: GOD, THE MAKER OF THE HEAVENS

Verse 1

God, the maker of the heavens

And the planet that we share

Show us how to live, like Jesus

Lives of gratitude and care

Make us mindful of the footprints

From the lives that we pursue

Make us partners in your mission

You are making all things new

Verse 2

God, the gardener of Eden

Teach us how to tend this earth

Learning from the changing seasons

Times of fallow and new birth

Lord have mercy when we're careless

Rich resources we misuse

Use our hands to heal creation

You are making all things new

Verse 3

God of labour and vocation

Lord of science, trade and art

Take our efforts and our passions

Make them mirrors of your heart

Every habitat and creature

Loved and valued, God, by you

May our lives reveal your Kingdom

You are making all things new

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↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

Merciful God, King of Creation and the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well of possibilities that flows through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

L In Jesus' name,

C Amen.

PRELUDE: THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

Verse 1

This is my father's world

And to my listening ears

All nature sings, and round me rings

The music of the spheres

Verse 2

This is my father's world

The birds their carols raise

The morning light, the lily white

Declare their maker's praise

Verse 3

This is my father's world

I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas

His hand the wonders wrought

Verse 4

This is my father's world

Oh, let me never forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong

God is the ruler yet

Verse 5

This is my father's world

Why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is king, let the heavens ring

God reigns, let the earth be glad

Verse 6

This is my father's world

He shines in all that's fair

In the rustling grass, I hear him pass

He speaks to me everywhere

In the rustling grass, I hear him pass

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FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 34:17-22

📖 Our lesson today is from Ezekiel, the 34th chapter.

And as for you, my dear flock, I'm stepping in and judging between one sheep and another, between rams and goats. Aren't you satisfied to feed in good pasture without taking over the whole place?

Can't you be satisfied to drink from the clear stream without muddying the water with your feet? Why do the rest of my sheep have to make do with grass that's trampled down and water that's been muddied?

Therefore, God, the Master, says: I myself am stepping in and making things right between the plump sheep and the skinny sheep. Because you forced your way with shoulder and rump and butted at all the weaker animals with your horns till you scattered them all over the hills, I'll come in and save my dear flock, no longer let them be pushed around.

I'll step in and set things right between one sheep and another.

📖 Word of God, Word of Life.

👏 **Thanks be to God.**

⬆️ **GOSPEL: Matthew 6:26-29**

📖 The Gospel according to Matthew, the 6th chapter.

👏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?

And which of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to your life's span? And why are you anxious about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👏 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Bill Grabill, Guest Speaker

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

📖 Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

👏 **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."

When the prayers conclude, please respond, "Amen."

OFFERING

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We acknowledge that you may have given Online or through the mail. Thank you.

**OFFERING SONG: HOW GREAT THOU ART**

Verse 1

**O Lord my God,
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy Hands have made**

**I see the stars,
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed**

Chorus

**Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art,
How great Thou art**

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My Savior God, to Thee
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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**

*Please approach the altar as directed by an usher.
You will be offered a wafer, and you may dip it into
the chalice containing wine or white grape juice.
Or, you may choose a prepackaged kit.
(including Gluten-free versions)*

**COMMUNION SONG: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD
AND KING**

Verse 1

**All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, He has made us!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him
He has made us! He has made us!
He has made us!**

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING and BENDICTION

- P** God, the giver of love, ✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.
- C** **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD
AND KING**

Verse 1

**All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, He has made us!
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him
He has made us! He has made us!
He has made us!**



Verse 2

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong
 Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
 O praise Him, He has made us!**

**Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice
 Ye lights of evening, find a voice
 O praise Him, O praise Him
 He has made us! He has made us!
 He has made us!**

Verse 3

**Let all things their Creator bless
 And worship Him in humbleness
 O praise Him, He has made us!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
 And praise the Spirit, three in One
 O praise Him, O praise Him
 He has made us! He has made us!
 He has made us!**

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DISMISSAL

- Go in peace. Serve in love.
 Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus'
 pathway of joy and life.
- Thanks be to God.**