

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

January 21, 2024 9:45 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music

Luanne Harms, Director of Contemporary Worship

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

PRELUDE: *LIVING WATERS*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE

LORD OPENING SONG: *A MILLION SAINTS*

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

see insert

SECOND READING: Psalm 62:6-12a

see insert

↑ GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

see insert

SERMON Pastor Miriam

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *I WILL FOLLOW*

↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace," 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.



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: *FOLLOW ME*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING &

BENEDICTION

P God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *I HAVE DECIDED*

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

THE LESSONS

Sunday, January 21

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The first reading is from Jonah, the 3rd chapter.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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Ⓐ The Word of the Lord.

Ⓢ Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Psalm 62:6-12a

The second reading is from Psalm 62. We read it responsively.

Ⓐ ⁶He alone is my rock and deliverance, my citadel *high on a hill*;
I will not be shaken.

Ⓢ ⁷**My salvation and my significance depend *ultimately* on God;
the core of my strength, my shelter, is in the True God.**

Ⓐ ⁸Have faith in Him in all circumstances, *dear* people.
Open up your heart to Him; the True God shelters us *in His arms*.

[pause]

Ⓢ ⁹**Human beings disappear like a breath;
even people of rank live artificial lives.
Their weight is that of a breath in a balance—*nothing*.
Added together, they’re still lighter than air.**

Ⓐ ¹⁰Do not resort to oppression;
resist the temptation of ill-gotten gain.
If you achieve wealth, don’t let your heart get attached.

Ⓢ ¹¹**The True God spoke this once, and twice I’ve heard:
That *You*, the True God, hold all power;**

Ⓐ ¹²and your love never fails, O Lord.

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The Gospel reading is on the back.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4th chapter. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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