

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

February 25, 2024 9:45 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

NEW CHAPTERS IN LIFE

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

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P = Pastor C = All L = Leader

PRELUDE: TURN! TURN! TURN!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: FIGHT SONG

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of 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.

FIRST READING: Excerpts from 4 Life Chapters of Joseph in Genesis

see insert

SECOND READING: Psalm 71

see insert

↑ **GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-37**

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SERMON Pastor Miriam

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: NEW CREATION**

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God," please respond, "Your mercy is great."

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

OFFERING

<https://coslutheran.org/give/>

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: NO DOUBT ABOUT IT

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING &

- P Beloved, we are God's BENDICTION own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: SING WHEREVER I GO

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, February 25

FIRST READING: Excerpts from 4 Life Chapters of Joseph in Genesis

The first reading is from the book of Genesis, chapters 1, 2, 5 & 9

Life Chapter 1: Genesis 37:3, 31-32

Now Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe.

Life Chapter 2: Genesis 37:31-33

³¹The brothers of Joseph took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. ³²They had the ornamented robe taken to their father, and they said, "This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not." ³³Jacob recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph has surely been torn to pieces."

Life Chapter 5: Genesis 41:46

Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Life Chapter 9: Genesis 50:16-25

¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.

ℒ The Word of the Lord.

☪ Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Psalm 71

The second reading is from Psalm 71. We read it responsively.

- ℒ Good Lord, you have kept me within the secure embrace of your love these many years.
- ☪ **My life is one long list of divine deliverances.**
- ℒ I have come running to you again and again when the forces of evil set themselves against me.
- ☪ **From the moment of my birth, I was dedicated to your will, and I was given life by you, only to yield it back to you.**
- ℒ And since that time, the days and hours of my life have been filled with praise for you.
- ☪ **You have guided me through my precarious youth, and drawn me back from its pitfalls.**
- ℒ As I near the late afternoon and evening of my life, I continue to seek your love and mercy. The enemies that plagued me in my youth still lay siege to my soul.
- ☪ **But you have kept me safe throughout life's conflicts. You have healed my wounds and comforted me in my afflictions.**

The Psalm continues on the back.

- L** Now I need your grace for my senior years.
I reach for the assurance of your love and concern.
- C** **Fill my heart with purpose
so that I may continue to proclaim your salvation.**
- L** You are, O God, the Creator and Performer
of great and glorious things. There is no one like you.
- C** **Thus I know that you will continue to love and care for me.**
- L** May every fiber of my being and every activity of my life
resound with praise and thanksgiving to my God
- C** **I will dedicate my remaining days to praising you,
championing your faithfulness, and proclaiming
your love and concern for all who will turn to you.**

*Adapted from Psalm 71 from Leslie Brandt's book "Psalm Now."
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GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-37

- P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?"

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