

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

March 3, 2024 9:45 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

NEW CHAPTERS IN LOCATION

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music

P = Pastor C = All L = Leader

PRELUDE: *GIRL ON FIRE*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: *I WILL GO*

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through 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: Numbers 14:1-12
see insert

↑ GOSPEL: John 1:43-46; Mark 1:35-39;
Luke 9:51; John 2:13-22
see insert

SERMON Pastor Fritz

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *TAKE ME ON A RIDE*

↑ 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

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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: *COUNT THE STARS (BE THERE FOR YOU)*

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, March 3

FIRST READING: Numbers 14:1-12 Message Version

The first reading is from Numbers, the 14th chapter.

This story takes place after Moses sends twelve spies into the location that God has promised them as the Holy Land. After scouting the territory, 2 of the 12 spies are excited to enter the new land immediately. But 10 of the 12 spies report that there are too many challenges . . .

1-3 The whole community was in an uproar, wailing all night long. All the People of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The entire community was in on it:

(All men read) **“Why didn’t we die in Egypt? Or in this wilderness? Why has God brought us to this country to kill us? Our wives and children are about to become plunder. Why don’t we just head back to Egypt? And right now!”**

4 Soon they were all saying it to one another:

“Let’s pick a new leader; let’s head back to Egypt.”

5 Moses and Aaron fell on their faces in front of the entire community, gathered in emergency session.

6-9 Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, members of the scouting party, ripped their clothes and addressed the assembled People of Israel:

(All women read) **“The land we walked through and scouted out is a very good land—very good indeed. If God is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land that flows, as they say, with milk and honey. And he’ll give it to us. Just don’t rebel against God! And don’t be afraid of those people. Why, we’ll have them for lunch! They have no protection and God is on our side. Don’t be afraid of them!”**

10-12 But, up in arms now, the entire community was talking of hurling stones at them. Just then the bright Glory of God appeared at the Tent of Meeting. Every Israelite saw it.

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☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God

The Gospel reading is on the back.

GOSPEL: John 1:43-46; Mark 1:35-39; Luke 9:51; John 2:13-22

P The Gospel according to John and other passages. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 1:43-46

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Mark 1:35-39

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Luke 9:51

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

John 2:13-22.

13The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. 15Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. . . . 18The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" 19Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" 21But he was speaking of the temple of his body. 22After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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