

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## New Chapters



## NEW CHAPTERS IN GOD'S PLAN

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia  
March 17, 2024  
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor   Miriam Beecher, Pastor   Maya Fond Rose, Preacher  
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

**P** = Pastor   **L** = Lector [reader]   **C** Congregation   *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*  
↑ Please stand as you are able.

### PRELUDE

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may 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.*

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

### ↑ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**C** Amen.

**P** Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Holy God,

**C** **we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

**P** Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs,

and restores the promise of life through **+** Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

**Refrain**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. Refrain**
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. Refrain**
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

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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.**

↑ **KYRIE***ACS page 31*

**Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy. Christe eleison, Christ have mercy.  
Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy.**

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- ☞ Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
☞ **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Readings for New Chapters in God's Plan: the New Covenant  
Isaiah 25:6-8; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; Galatians 3:26-28**

*see insert*↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Return to God*

**Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;  
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God (sing 2 times)**

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↑ **GOSPEL: Luke 22:14-21***see insert***SERMON**

Maya Fond Rose &amp; Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *What Wondrous Love Is This**ELW Hymn 666*

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.**

*Hymn continues on next page ►*

- 4 **And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me,  
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.**

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

- P** Let us profess our baptismal faith together.
- C** **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 "Hear us, O God." please respond, "Your mercy is great."  
The prayers are ended with these words, "Accompany us on our journey ...through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior." Please respond, "Amen."*

### ↑ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always

**C** **And also with you.**

*We share a sign of God's peace.*

**INVITATION TO OFFERING** (to resource the general core fund) *Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>  
We acknowledge that you may have already offered your gifts electronically or by mail. Thank you.



**MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00)**-*Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies Sake, R. Farrant*

*Sanctuary choir*

### ↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| <b>P</b> The Lord be with you.  | <b>C</b> <b>And also with you.</b>                         |
| <b>P</b> Lift up your hearts.   | <b>C</b> <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>                  |
| <b>P</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  | <b>C</b> <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b> |
| <b>P</b> It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  |  |
| <b>C</b> <b>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,<br/>heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.<br/>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.</b> |  |

—ELW Hymn 190

### ↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### ↑ 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.**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.  
You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice.  
You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.*

- C** **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

—ELW Hymn 196

**COMMUNION HYMN: *As the Winter Days Grow Longer****ACS Hymn 924*

- 1** As the winter days grow longer, drawing short the hours of night;  
as our eager expectation waits for Easter's dawning light—  
yearning people, here we gather, turning watchful eyes to you:  
God who blesses earth with springtime, shine within our world anew!
- 2** As the vines burst into blossom, fragrant in the morning air,  
lifting spirits with their sweetness, luring hearts to thankful prayer—  
Lenten people, here we gather, seeking lives refreshed from sin.  
God who blesses earth with springtime, bloom within our hearts again!
- 3** As we journey through this season, pilgrims through a thirsty land,  
quench us with your living presence; guide us with your loving hand.  
Wand'ring people, here we gather, called to rest along our way.  
God who blesses earth with springtime, grant us sabbath joy this day!

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**† PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

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

**† SENDING HYMN: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing****ELW Hymn 545*

- 1** Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2** Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.
- 3** Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

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**† SENDING**

- ℙ** Go in peace. Share your bread.  
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- ☩** Thanks be to God.

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# THE LESSONS

Sunday, March 17

## Readings for New Chapters in God's Plan: the New Covenant

- 📖 Today's readings come from Isaiah, 1 Corinthians and Galatians  
*The congregation speaks verses in bold.*

### Isaiah 25:6-8

- <sup>6</sup> On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.  
<sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the covering that is spread over all nations;  
<sup>8</sup> **He will swallow up death forever.**  
**Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,**  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

### 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

(Paul writes) <sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, **“This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”** <sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, **“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”**

### Galatians 3:26-28

<sup>26</sup> For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> **There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.**

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- 📖 The Word of the Lord.      🙏 Thanks be to God

## GOSPEL: Luke 22:14-21

- 📖 The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 22nd chapter.      🙏 Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” <sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” <sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. <sup>21</sup> But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table.

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- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord.      🙏 Praise to you, O Christ.

