

## Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

March 10, 2024 9:45 a.m.

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

#### NEW CHAPTERS IN AGENDA

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music

Barbara Anderson, Second Sunday Coordinator

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

### PRELUDE: *TURN! TURN! TURN!*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

### OPENING SONG: *REACH OUT*

*(TOUCH A HAND)*

#### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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:** Hebrews 12:2,  
Hebrews 5:9, and John 3:16-17

*see insert*

**SECOND READING:** Matthew 10:16  
and Luke 10:18-20

↑ **GOSPEL:** John 13: 12-15  
and John 13:34-35 *see insert*

**SERMON** Pastor Miriam

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY:** *LOVE TRAIN*

↑ **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: *RECKLESS LOVE*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & 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.

**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

# Lent 4 of New Chapters

Hope in Coauthoring our Life Stories with God in 5 of Life's Chapters:

VOCATION \* LIFE \* LOCATION \* AGENDA \* GOD'S PLAN

## 4: New Chapters in AGENDA

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*When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. Exodus 16:15*

**FIRST READINGS: Hebrews 12:2, Hebrews 5:9, and John 3:16-17**

✧ **The Co-AUTHOR of Our Life Stories - WHAT IS IT?**

**Hebrews 12:2 and 5:9**

<sup>2</sup> Looking unto Jesus, the **AUTHOR** and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>9</sup> And having been perfected, He became the **AUTHOR** of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

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**John 3:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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**SECOND READINGS: Matthew 10:16 and Luke 10:18-20**

✧ **God's authority... the AGENDA for rejoicing - WHAT IS IT?**

**Matthew 10:16**

Jesus said, "Listen carefully: I am sending you out like sheep among wolves; so be wise as serpents, and innocent as doves with no self-serving **agenda**.

<sup>18-20</sup> "See what I've given you? Safe passage as you walk on snakes and scorpions, and protection from every assault of the Enemy. No one can put a hand on you. All the same, the great triumph is not in your **AUTHOR-ity** over evil, but in God's **AUTHOR-ity** over you and presence with you. Not what you do for God but what God does for you—that's the **agenda** for rejoicing."

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THE GOSPEL READINGS: John 13: 12-15 and John 13:34-35

✧ *The NEW COMMANDMENT - WHAT IS IT?*

John 13:12-15

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

John 13:34-35

I give you a new commandment, that you **love one another**. Just as I have **loved you**, you also should **love one another**. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have **love for one another**."

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The following citations are for reference in the sermon.

*The ADENDA for the next chapter and the next chapter  
and every new chapter: THE COMMANDMENT*

JERUSALEM ~ Jesus said. "This is my commandment, that you **love one another** as I have **loved** you...I am giving you these commands so that you may **love one another**. *John 15:12, 17*

GALATIA ~ For you, my brothers and sisters, were called to freedom; only do not let your freedom *become* an opportunity for the selfishness, but through love serve *and* seek the best for one another. *Galatians 5:13*

ROME ~ **Love one another** with mutual affection; outdo **one another** in showing honor. Owe no **one** anything, except to love one another. *Romans 12:10; 13:8*

THESSALONICA ~ Now concerning **love** of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to **love one another**, for the one who loves **another** has fulfilled the law (commandment.) And may the Lord make you increase and abound in **love** for **one another** and for all, just as we abound in **love** for you. *1 Thessalonians 4:9; 3:12 and 2 Thessalonians 1:3 NRSV*

EPHESUS ~ With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with **one another** in **love**. *Ephesians 4:2*

JERUSALEM (?) Let us consider how to provoke **one another** to **love** and good deeds. *Hebrews 10:24*

REGIONS OF ASIA MINOR ~ Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, **love one another** deeply from the heart. *1 Peter 1:22*

THE CHURCH SCATTERED ABROAD ~ You ask God for something and do not receive it, because you ask with wrong motives out of selfishness or with an unholy **agenda**, so that when you get what you want you may spend it on your self-gratifying desires. *James 4:3*

[from the translation: AMPLIFIED]