

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

April 14, 2024 9:45 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: *FRIENDS*

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection 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: 1 John 3:1-2;
Isaiah 43:1-3, 7; 1 Chronicles 28:20**
see insert

↑ **GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35**
see insert

SERMON Pastor Miriam

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: *PRAISE YOU
LIKE I SHOULD***

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace,"
please respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"

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: *CARRY YOU*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING &
BENEDICTION**

↑ **GODSPEED AND BLESSING FOR
PASTOR MIRIAM BEECHER**

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, April 14

FIRST READINGS: *The first readings are from 1st John, Isaiah and 1st Chronicles.*

1 John 3:1-2

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. ...Beloved, we are God's children now.

Isaiah 43:1-3, 7 and 1 Chronicles 28:20

The LORD who created you and formed you says: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. I am the LORD your God, ... and you are precious in my sight and I love you." *Therefore, remember* to be strong and of good courage, and act. Do not be afraid or dismayed, for the Lord God is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the Lord is finished.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35 *Congregation reads the line in BOLD type.*

☒ The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter. ☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?"

They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.

Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."

²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, **"Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"**

³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Holy Living God, we are travelers on your journey of love. We are travelers on this journey yearning to believe. May your Holy Spirit burn in our hearts and our eyes be opened. Amen