

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

March 16, 2025 9:45 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music

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

PRELUDE: *OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL)*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

OPENING SONG: *ANY MORE*

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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.

READINGS: Jonah, selected verses;

Psalm 27 see insert

↑ GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35 see insert

SERMON Pastor Fritz

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *BLESSED ASSURANCE*

↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH:
THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God, in your mercy," please respond, "Receive 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: *GIVE ME JESUS*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION

P God our tender parent,
God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *KIDS*

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

DIALOGUE

Sunday, March 16

↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

☛ **Amen.**

☞ Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

☞ Compassionate One,

☛ **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.
We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.
We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

☞ Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home.
In ✚ Christ, your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

☛ **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jonah, selected verses

☞ The 1st reading is selected verses from the book of Jonah.

2.10 Then the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

3 Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³ Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴ Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

⁶ When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷ This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸ But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

4 But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord, “Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live. . . .” ⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?”

“It is,” he said. “And I'm so angry I wish I were dead.”

¹⁰ But the Lord said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

☞ The Word of the Lord.

☛ **Thanks be to God**

Lessons continue on the back.

SECOND READING: Psalm 27

☐ We read the Psalm responsively

- ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- ²**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**
- ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
- ⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**
- ⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.
- ⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**
- ⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
- ⁸**My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**
- ⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.
- ¹⁰**Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**
- ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
- ¹²**Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**
- ¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴**Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

☐ The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**