

## Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

March 9, 2025 9:45 a.m.

### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music

P = Pastor C = All L = Leader

#### PRELUDE: *I SAW THE LIGHT*

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

#### OPENING SONG: *HOLY WATER*

#### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### READINGS: Deuteronomy 26:1-11;

Psalm 91:12, 9-16<sub>see insert</sub>

↑ GOSPEL: John 20:19-31<sub>see insert</sub>

SERMON Pastor Anna Walker

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *NEVER GONNA LET ME GO*

↑ 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: *I KNOW I'VE BEEN CHANGED*

#### 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: *LIFT YOUR HEAD*

*WEARY SINNER*

#### 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 9

## FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

☐ The 1<sup>st</sup> reading is from Deuteronomy, the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter

<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

☐ The Word of the Lord. ☑ **Thanks be to God**

## SECOND READING: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

☐ We read the Psalm responsively

<sup>1</sup> You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—  
<sup>2</sup> **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust.”**  
<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,  
<sup>10</sup> **no evil will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**  
<sup>11</sup> For God will give the angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.  
<sup>12</sup> **Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**  
<sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.  
<sup>14</sup> **I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**  
<sup>15</sup> They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.  
<sup>16</sup> **With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

*Gospel is on the back.*

## **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

🎉 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🎉 **Praise to you, O Christ.**