

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
March 1, 2026 9:45 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Wes Smith, Assoc. Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship & Music
Youth, Lectors
P = Pastor C = All L = Leader

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ **CALL TO WORSHIP: LEAD ME TO THE
CROSS/RUNNING HOME**

↑ **OPENING DIALOGUE**

- L As darkness gives way to light
and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,
- C **We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.**
- L Like the green shoots of renewed life,
stirring beneath the soil,
- C **We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.**
- L In this time of reflection and repentance,
- C **We affirm our identity, we claim our security,
as children of God.**

~written by Gill Le Fevre

↑ **SONG OF PRAISE: NO SURVIVORS**
~Please be seated for the Lessons~

READING: Psalm 121see insert

↑ **GOSPEL: John 3:1-17**see insert

SERMON Pastor Wes

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: GOD SO LOVED**

↑ **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**see insert

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT VIDEO

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.**

↑ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (cont.)**

- 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**

MUSICAL OFFERING: sKIDdles

↑ **BENEDICTION**

- P May the Father,
who meets you in the wilderness,
the Son, who walks with you by grace,
and the Spirit, who sustains you
✝ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

↑ **SENDING SONG: MIRACLE POWER**

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 1

READING: *Psalm 121*

📖 Today's reading is Psalm 121. Please read responsively.

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;

from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The Lord will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the Lord watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The Lord will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.

⁸ **The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

GOSPEL: *John 3:1-17*

📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3rd chapter.

🔊 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "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.

¹⁷ "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."

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🔊 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Sunday, March 1

L God, you loved this world so much
that you sent your own son, Jesus Christ
to live and die among us,
in order that we might have life.

C **Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves,
for jealously hoarding your generous gifts,
for choosing self-interest over compassion and justice.**

**Teach us what it means to live as children of the light,
generously sharing your abundance
with our brothers and sisters in need.**

Silence

L God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed
in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your
sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the
dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives
you life and peace.

C **Thanks be to God!**

~ from Christine Longhurst, posted on the Canadian Foodgrains Bank website.