

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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Youth, Lectors

P = Pastor C = All L = Leader

PRELUDE: *RUNNING HOME*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ CALL TO WORSHIP: *LEAD ME
TO THE CROSS*

↑ 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: *COME JESUS COME*
~Please be seated for the Lessons~

READING: Psalm 130_{see insert}

↑ GOSPEL: John 11:1-45_{see insert}

SERMON Pastors Wes

↑ SONG OF THE DAY: *RISE UP (LAZARUS)*

↑ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS_{see insert}

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT VIDEO

OFFERING

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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: *LET US BREAK
BREAD TOGETHER*

↑ POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P May the Father, BENEDICTION
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: *HOLY WATER*

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 22

READING: *Psalm 130*

📖 Today's reading is Psalm 130. Please read responsively.

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O Lord;

²**O Lord, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,**

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love;

with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the Lord shall redeem Israel**

from all their sins.

GOSPEL: *John 11:1-45*

📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

🕊 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Gospel continues on the back.

²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”

³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Sunday, March 22

- L** Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God.
- C** **We are lost in a world of pain and suffering.**
When we put our trust in weapons of war, we find no peace.
When we put our faith in our own resources,
we feel the ache of our true needs.
When we put our hope in the health of our bodies,
we suffer pain and find no healing.

- L** Come to us, O God.
Forgive our doubts and fears.
Heal our brokenness,
that we may rejoice in your steadfast love.

Silence

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!**