

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
March 8, 2026 9:45 a.m.

THIRD 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: *ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN***

↑ **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: *MY FEET ARE ON THE ROCK***

~Please be seated for the Lessons~

READING: 1 Peter 3:15; Romans 5:1-11*see insert*

↑ **GOSPEL: John 4:27-42***see insert*

SERMON Pastor Fritz

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: *SALT AND LIGHT***

↑ **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS***see insert*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT VIDEO

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↑ **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: *THE STRANGE MAN*

↑ **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING &
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: *RUNNING HOME***

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 8

FIRST READING: *1 Peter 3:15*

Ⓐ Today's first reading is from 1st Peter, the 3rd chapter.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

Ⓐ The Word of the Lord.

Ⓒ **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: *Romans 5:1-11*

Ⓐ The second reading is from Romans, the 5th chapter.

⁵Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

³And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Ⓐ The Word of the Lord.

Ⓒ **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL: *John 4:27-42*

Ⓐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4th chapter.

Ⓒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷Just then (Jesus') disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Ⓐ The Gospel of the Lord.

Ⓒ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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- L** God of Living Water, you call us to come and drink.
- C** **So why do we sit here and complain that there is not enough water?**
- L** You call us to strike the rocks of our world and let your Living Water flow.
- C** **But we do not trust enough that the spring is there.**
We want to find the water on our own, using our own wisdom.
- L** You call us to share the Water of Life with the world around us.
- C** **But we believe that the water is limited,**
not abundant and so we are tempted to save it for ourselves.
- L** For all the times we turn away from your Water,
for all the times we sully the Water by misusing it,
for all the times we let others go thirsty instead of offering a drink,
- C** **Forgive us we pray.**

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!**

~ written by Rev Gord, and posted on Worship Offerings.