

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

The Second Sunday in Lent ☩ February 28, 2021 ☩ 11:00 A.M.

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☐ = Pastor ☑ = Lector [reader] ☒ = Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)

PRELUDES

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate to the number in your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." So in these days of required distancing, longing to share the Lord's Supper again soon physically together at one table of the Lord, we acknowledge communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space. This will be another form of that connection. We understand no precedents are being set in these unique times.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

- ☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. ☒ Amen.
- ☐ God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.
Silence is kept for reflection.
- ☐ Fountain of living water,
☒ **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**
- ☐ Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ☩ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus. ☒ Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *There's a Lily in the Valley*

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

**There's a lily in the valley, and it's bright as the morning star;
There's a lily in the valley, and it's bright as the morning star;
There's a lily in the valley, and it's bright as the morning star; Amen. Amen. Amen—men.**

There is joy in the valley, and it's bright as the morning star. [+2x] Amen. Amen Amen—men.

There is peace in the valley, and it's bright as the morning star. [+2x] Amen Amen. Amen—men.

**You know we found Jesus in the valley. He's the bright and the Morning Star.
You know we found Jesus in the valley. You know he's the bright and the Morning Star.
You know we found Jesus in the valley. He's the bright and the Morning Star.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen—men.**

GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
☒ **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
☒ **Amen.**

DIALOGUE: based on Galatians 5:16-26, “Fruitful Living”

- Ⓐ Our Dialogue is based on our Lenten Theme. Please read responsively with me—you at home, too.
- Ⓐ Lord, sometimes life is hard when people get so negative with each other.
- Ⓒ **Where is the joy in life when we tear each other down with enmity, strife, and jealousy?**
- Ⓐ It’s hard to breathe when the atmosphere is polluted with quarrels, dissensions, factions, and envy.
- Ⓒ **So Jesus followers, listen up! As St. Paul encourages us, be the positive change.**
- Ⓐ Allow the Holy Spirit to bear new fruit through each of you: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, goodness, and self-control.
- Ⓒ **By shifting the menu to what Christ offers, others will start tasting the kingdom of God.**
- Ⓐ Word of God, word of life.
- Ⓒ **Thanks be to God.**

LESSON: Words of Peace from Paul

- Ⓐ Today’s lesson includes verses from Paul’s letters to the Romans and Ephesians.
- Ⓐ Now that we have been put right with God through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ...who brought us by faith into this experience of God's grace, in which we now live.
Romans 5:1-2 GNV
- (Let us remember,) that the kingdom of God is ... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit and that setting our mind on the Spirit is life and peace.
Romans 8:6 and 14:17
- As far as it possible, (let us) live peaceably with all...and pursue what makes for peace and mutual upbuilding.
Romans 12:18 and 14:19 NRSV
- Let us make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ... and as shoes for our feet, put on whatever will make us ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
Ephesians 4:3 and 6:15
- Ⓐ Word of God, word of life.
- Ⓒ **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: I’ve Got Peace Like a River*ELW Hymn 358*

- 1 **I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river in my soul;
I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.**
- 2 **I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul;
I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.**
- 3 **I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul;
I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.**

Text: traditional

GOSPEL: from John 16:33 and 14:27

- Ⓐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixteenth and fourteenth chapters.
- Ⓒ **Glory to you, O Lord.**
- [Jesus said,] “Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world! Peace I leave with you.”
- Ⓐ The Gospel of the Lord.
- Ⓒ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

- 1** Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love; where there is injury, your pardon, Lord; and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
- 2** Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope; where there is darkness, only light; and where there's sadness, ever joy.
- 3** O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.
- 4** Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

- P** Let us confess our baptismal faith together.
- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
- On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "Hear us, O God." Please respond, "Your mercy is great."
The prayers are ended with these words, "We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you,
O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Please respond, "Amen."*

INVITATION TO OFFERING: *Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

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.
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

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

- ☩ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

SHARING COMMUNION WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

*As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:
"The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *O Day of Peace*

ELW Hymn 711

- 1 O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.**

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PASTORAL BLESSING

BENEDICTION

- ☐ The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, + and give you **peace**, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- ☩ **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

ELW Hymn 551

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.**
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.**
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.**
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.**

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DISMISSAL

- ☐ Go in peace. Share the good news.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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