

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany ☩ January 17, 2021 ☩ 11:00 A.M.
Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music

☐ = 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

GATHERING CAROL: *Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult*

ELW Hymn 696

- 1 **Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me."**
- 2 **In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."**
- 5 **Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.**

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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

- ☐ Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☑ **Amen.**

READING: Hosea 12:3-5

Even before [our ancestor Jacob] was born, he [wrestled*] his brother,
and when he grew up, he fought against God.
At Bethel, Jacob wrestled with an angel and won;
then he wept and with tears in his eyes, he asked for a blessing, and God spoke to us there.
God's name is the LORD, the LORD God All-Powerful. —*Contemporary English Version*

**(He grasped his brother [Esau's] heel in an attempt to cheat his brother out of being born first. NIV)*

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

ELW Hymn 310

- 4 **Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now, and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

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GOSPEL: John 1:43-51

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

Narrator **P**: Pastor Miriam; *Jesus* **I**: Pastor Fritz; *Philip* **III**: **Reader**; *Nathanael* **C**: **Everybody**

P ⁴³⁻⁴⁴The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. There he met Philip, who was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. Jesus said to Philip,

I “Come with me.”

P ⁴⁵Philip then found Nathanael and said,

L “We have found the one that Moses and the Prophets wrote about. He is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”

P ⁴⁶Nathanael asked,

C **“Can anything good come from Nazareth?”**

P Philip answered,

L “Come and see.”

P ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said,

I “Here is a true descendant of our ancestor Israel. And he isn’t deceitful.”

P Nathanael asked.

C ⁴⁸**“How do you know me?”**

P Jesus answered,

I “Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.”

P Nathanael said,

C **“Rabbi, you are the Son of God and the King of Israel!”**

P ⁵⁰Jesus answered,

I “Did you believe me just because I said that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see something even greater. ⁵¹I tell you for certain that you will see heaven open and God’s angels going up and coming down on the Son of Man.”

—*Contemporary English Version*

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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SERMON

Pastor Miriam

HYMN OF THE DAY: Here I Am, Lord

ELW Hymn 547

1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?” *Refrain*

3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?” *Refrain*

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

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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 "Let us pray." please respond, "Have mercy, O God."

The prayers are ended with these words, "Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior." 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; By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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

C 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: *The Son of God**ELW Hymn 584*
Alternate Tune: EVENTIDE

- 1** **The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,
shared human life and toiled throughout the day;
from common folk he called the twelve to be coworkers in his sacred ministry.**
- 5** **Where'er we find our witness should be made,
Whate'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,
that we may gladly give for thee our best and find each task divinely sent and blest.**

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PASTORAL BLESSING**BENEDICTION**

- P** God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.
- C** **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: *This Little Light of Mine**ELW Hymn 677*

- 1** **This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
- 2** **Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
- 3** **Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Text: African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

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