

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

The Third Sunday after Epiphany ☩ January 23, 2022 ☩ 8:30 and 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)

PRELUDES

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

⬆ **GATHERING HYMN:** *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*

ELW Hymn 519

**1 Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.**

*Refrain: Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah! Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!
Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah! Torah ora, Torah ora, hallelujah!*

**[God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!]**

**2 They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, now let them hear;
they who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word. Refrain**

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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.**

KYRIE

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☒ In peace, let us pray to the Lord.	☑ Lord, have mercy.
☒ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.	☑ Lord, have mercy.
☒ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.	☑ Lord, have mercy.
☒ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.	☑ Lord, have mercy.
☒ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.	☑ Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW Hymn 886, alt.

**1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**2 The Lord brings good news to the poor, sets all the captives free,
Releases those who are oppressed, gives his remnant liberty.**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- G** Amen.

LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-14

- L** ⁷Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob; ...
- G** **proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the REMNANT of Israel.”**
- L** ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the ... farthest parts of the earth,
- G** **among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together;**
- L** a great company, they shall return here ...
- G** **I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; ...**
- L** ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away;
- G** **say, “He who scattered Israel will gather [them and keep them safe, as a shepherd his flock].”**
- L** ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
- G** ¹²**They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,**
- L** and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD; ...
- G** **their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.**
- L** ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry.
- G** **I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.**
- L** ¹⁴**I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.**
- L** Word of God, Word of life.
- G** Thanks be to God.

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Gather Us In*

ELW Hymn 532

- 1** **Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

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↑ **HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21**

- P** The Holy Gospel according Luke, the fourth chapter.
- G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

SERMON

LBW Canticle 14

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Listen! You Nations of the World*

Refrain: Listen! you nations of the world: listen to the Word of the Lord.

Announce it from coast to coast; declare it to distant islands.

- 1 The Lord who scattered Israel will gather his people again;
and he will keep watch over them as a shepherd watches his flock. *Refrain*
- 2 With shouts of joy they will come, their faces radiantly happy,
for the Lord is so gen'rous to them; he showers his people with gifts. *Refrain*
- 3 Young women will dance for joy, and men young and old will make merry.
Like a garden refreshed by the rain, they will never be in want again.
Break into shouts of great joy: Jacob is free again!
Teach nations to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his people!" *Refrain*

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↑ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

- Ⓟ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.
- Ⓒ **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 "God of grace," please respond, "hear our prayer."

The prayers are ended with these words, "Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior." Please respond, "Amen."

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



↑ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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| Ⓟ The Lord be with you. | Ⓒ And also with you. |
| Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. | Ⓒ We lift them to the Lord. |
| Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | Ⓒ It is right to give our thanks and praise. |
- Ⓟ 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 and join their unending hymn:
- Ⓒ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

—ELW page 144

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- Ⓟ 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 IN THE SANCTUARY OR WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD AT HOME

As the pastors and worshipers commune, please join them and the whole Church in the sanctuary or 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.”

ANTHEM: *We Are Many Parts (in celebration of COS' Annual Meeting)*

Sanctuary Choir

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *Let Streams of Living Justice*

ELW Hymn 710

- 1 **Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.**

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- Ⓟ God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.
Ⓢ **Amen.**

↑ **CLOSING HYMN:** *Th 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.**
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 with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
Ⓢ **Thanks be to God.**