

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany ☩ January 30, 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 Miriam

### ↑ GATHERING HYMN: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*ELW Hymn 631*

- 1 **Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**
- 2 **Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**
- 4 **Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 Text is in Public Domain.

## ↑ 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

*ELW Page 138*

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*ELW Hymn 836*

- 1, 3 **Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922 Text is in Public Domain.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- G** Amen.

**LESSON: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

- L** This morning's lesson is the thirteenth chapter of Paul's first letter to the Corinthian Christians.

**I**f I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

- L** Word of God, Word of life. **G** Thanks be to God.

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *O Love, How Deep* ELW Hymn 322; *Alternate Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH*

**7** All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

Text: attributed to Thomas á Kempis, 1380-1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1820-1885, alt.

↑ **HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30**

- P** The Holy Gospel according Luke, the fourth chapter.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

**T**hen [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Miriam

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Love Is the Touch of Intangible Joy*

*Tune: SLANE*

**1** Love is the touch of intangible joy; love is the force that no fear can destroy;  
Love is the goodness we gladly applaud: God is where love is, for love is of God. ▶

- 2 Love is the lilt in a lingering voice; love is the hope that can make us rejoice;  
Love is the cure for the frightened and flawed; God is where love is, for love is of God.
- 3 Love is the light in the tunnel of pain; love is the will to be whole once again;  
Love is the trust of a friend on the road: God is where love is, for love is of God.
- 4 Love is the Maker, and Spirit, and Son; love is the kingdom their will has begun;  
Love is the pathway the saints all have trod: God is where love is, for love is of God.

Text: Alison M. Robertson, b. 1940

## ↑ 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 "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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| <b>P</b> The Lord be with you.                   | <b>C</b> <b>And also with you.</b>                         |
| <b>P</b> Lift up your hearts.                    | <b>C</b> <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>                  |
| <b>P</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | <b>C</b> <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b> |
- 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 and join their unending hymn:
- C** **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

- 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 IN THE SANCTUARY OR WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD AT HOME

*As the pastors and worshippers 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: *The Gift of Love*

Sanctuary Choir

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

ELW Hymn 359

- 1 **Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.**
- 2 **With grateful joy and holy fear, God's charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.**
- 5 **Let us forgive each other's faults as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well in Christian gentleness.**

Text: Latin hymn, 9th. cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt. Text © 1960 World Library Publications. OneLicense #A-701929

## ↑ 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: *God, Whose Love Is Always Stronger*

*Tune: BEACH SPRING*

**God whose love is always stronger than our weakness, pride and fear,  
In your world, we pray and wonder how to be more faithful here.  
Hate too often grows inside us; fear rules what the nations do.  
So we pray, when [scorn] divides us: Give us love, Lord! Make us new!**

**Love is patient, kind, and caring, never arrogant or rude,  
Never boastful, all things bearing; Love rejoices in the truth.  
When we're caught up in believing war will make the terror cease,  
Show us Jesus' way of living; may our strength be in your peace.**

**May our faith in you be nourished; may your churches hear your call.  
May our lives be filled with courage as we speak your love for all.  
Now emboldened by your Spirit who has given us new birth,  
Give us love, that we may share it till your love renews the earth.**

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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.**

*Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Kathie Manes in celebration of her birthday.  
Last week's flowers were given by Laura Hawkins in honor of her husband Kevin's birthday.*