

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany ☩ February 13, 2022 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
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☐ = 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:** *Blessed Are the Poor Among You*

*Tune: PROMISES*

- 1 **Blessed are the poor among you, Jesus said. Blessed are you hungry ones who long for bread.  
Blessed are you mournful when your tears abound. God is turning everything around.  
Hear the good news! God is giving you the kingdom and the laughter.  
God will fill you—and you will know the joy that overflows.**
- 2 **Blessed are you weary who are long oppressed, all because you follow God in faithfulness.  
Leap for joy, for God will give you life anew. Long ago the prophets struggled, too!  
Hear the good news! God is giving you the kingdom and the laughter.  
God will fill you—and you will know the joy that overflows.**
- 3 **Woe to all you rich who live with blinders on, feasting at your tables till the food is gone.  
Woe to you who laugh and live without a care; Woe! When people praise you everywhere.  
God has spoken: you have all received your joy and consolation.  
I was hungry—but did you share what God had given you?**
- 4 **God, your way of working is a great surprise! Help us all to see your world through faithful eyes.  
Only in your kingdom is our true joy found. By your Spirit turn our lives around!  
Yours is good news! You have offered us the kingdom and the laughter.  
Please, God, fill us, and we will know the joy that overflows.**

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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.   | ☒ <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:** *Now Thank We All Our God*

*ELW Hymn 840*

- 1 **Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878 Text is in Public Domain.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **G** Amen.

### LESSON: from Psalm 1 and Jeremiah 17:7-8

- L** This morning's lesson is based on Psalm 1 and Jeremiah 17:7-8.
- I** <sup>5</sup>This is what the Lord says:  
<sup>7</sup>"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.
- II** <sup>1</sup>**Great blessings belong to those who don't listen to evil advice, who don't live like sinners, and who don't join those who make fun of God.**  
<sup>2</sup>**Instead, they love the Lord's teachings and think about them day and night.**
- I** <sup>8</sup>They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.
- II** <sup>4</sup>**But the wicked are not like that. They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**  
<sup>6</sup>**The Lord shows his people how to live, but the wicked have lost their way.**
- L** Word of God, Word of life. **G** Thanks be to God.

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

*ELW Hymn 864*

- 1** **Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!**

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847; altered by Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005

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↑ **HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26**

—*New English Translation*

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

### The Sermon on the Plain

**T**hen [Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place. And a large number of his disciples had gathered along with a vast multitude from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon. They came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, <sup>18</sup>and those who suffered from unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>The whole crowd was trying to touch him, because power was coming out from him and healing them all.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God belongs to you.

<sup>21</sup>Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you and insult you and reject you as evil on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and jump for joy, because your reward is great in heaven. For their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your comfort already.

<sup>25</sup>Woe to you who are well satisfied with food now, for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>Woe to you when all people speak well of you,

for their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets."

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

### ↑ HYMN OF THE DAY: *Heaven Shall Not Wait*

- 1 *[Choir/Leader]* Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience,  
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:  
Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted; in him injustice confronts its timely end.
- 2 *[All]* **Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes,  
the proud to fall, the elite to tend the least:  
Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's privilege to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.**
- 3 *[Read by a leader]* Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas,  
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:  
Jesus is Lord; he has married word and action; his cross and company make his purpose plain.
- 5 *[Sung]* **Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs,  
when earth has passed and we reach another shore.  
Jesus Is Lord; in our present imperfection his power and love are for now and then for evermore.**

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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 "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: sKIDdles Video

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### ↑ 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. ►

- 4 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."*

### HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *O God Beyond All Praising* *ELW Hymn 880*

- 1 **O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at *blessings* without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word;  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

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### ANTHEM: *Blessed Is the One*

Sanctuary Choir

### ↑ 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.**

### ↑ SENDING HYMN: *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least* *Tune: I'LL FLY AWAY*

- 1 **When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice.  
When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.  
We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice. All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice.**
- 2 **When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice.  
When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice.  
We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice. All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice.**
- 3 **When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.  
When the Word of God fills ev'ry breath, we will rejoice.  
We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice. All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice.**
- 4 **When the Lord returns in victory, we will rejoice.  
When we live in glorious victory, we will rejoice.  
We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice. All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice.**

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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.**

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