

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany ☩ January 15, 2023 ☩ 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor and Miriam Beecher, Pastor

Marilyn Carlson, Organist

P = Pastor **L** = Lector [reader] **C** Congregation *ELW*=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal, if you have one at home)

PRELUDE

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may 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:** *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW Hymn 886

- 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!
- 3** The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
- 4** He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
- 6** To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, altered Public Domain

↑ **GREETING**

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

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace
we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

↑ **READING: Psalm 40:1-3**

- L** Today's Lesson comes from Psalms, the fortieth chapter.
- I** waited patiently for the Lord. He turned to me and heard my cry.
² He lifted me out of the pit of destruction, out of the sticky mud.
He stood me on a rock. He made my feet steady.
³ He put a new song in my mouth. It was a song of praise to our God.
Many people will see this and worship him. Then they will trust the Lord.
- L** Word of God, word of life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Beautiful Savior*

- 1 **Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!**
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 4 **Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!**
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; translated by Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904 Public Domain

↑ **GOSPEL: John 1:29-42**

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

🔊 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “**Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**”³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the **Son of God.**”³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the **Lamb of God!**”³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “**Rabbi**” (which translated means **Teacher**), “where are you staying?”³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.

It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the **Messiah**” (which is translated **Anointed**).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🔊 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Miriam

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

ELW Hymn 655

- 1 **Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,**
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.
- 3 **Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace;**
hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.
As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
- 4 **Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,**
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

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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 “Merciful God,” please respond, “receive our prayer.”

The prayers are ended with these words, “We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.” 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 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

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 IN THE SANCTUARY or with your household

As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church.

Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.

You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in the chalice of wine or white grape juice.

You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.

At home commune 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: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, your reign on earth begun!
You come to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression and rule in equity.**
- 4 Kings shall fall down before you, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore you, your praise all people sing.
To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
your kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.**

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PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- P** The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.
- C** Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *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 As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.**
- 4 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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DISMISSAL

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

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Altar Guild: Carol and Paul Talbott

Tech Team: Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins (8:30); Brad Milburn, Joni Siefert, Linda Volckmann (11:00)

Ushers: Bob Spruck and Buddy Troy (8:30); Kathie Manes and Paul Talbott (11:00)

Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God by Sue Hamre-Smith and Tom Smith, in memory of Glen Hamre, honoring his 100th birthday.