

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
January 28, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor
Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)*
↑ Please stand as you are able.

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.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

↑ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always

☑ **And also with you.**

We share a sign of God's peace.

↑ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

☑ **We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

☐ To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

↑ **GATHERING HYMN:** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

ELW Hymn 843

- 1 **Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**
- 2 **Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**
- 3 **Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.**

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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**

- ☞ Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- ☞ **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 6:1-2, 7, 18-20, 23, 28-32, 37

see insert

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *God, Whose Almighty Word*

ELW Hymn 673, sts. 1 & 2

- 1 **God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.**
- 2 **Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind, sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind let there be light.**

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↑ **GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39**

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SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

ELW Hymn 773

- 1 **Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**
- 2 **When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**
3. **When the darkness appears, and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

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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, "Receive our prayer."

The prayers are ended with these words, "Knowing the Holy Spirit ...in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.." Please respond, "Amen."

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MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00)-*How Can I Keep From Singing, L. Peterson*

Sanctuary choir

↑ 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, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

—ELW page 153

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

↑ 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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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 either the chalice of wine or the white grape juice.

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

C **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

—ELW page 154

COMMUNION HYMN: *On Eagle's Wings*

ELW Hymn 787

1 **You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"**

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Hymn continues on next page.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear; under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield.**

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain***
- 4 For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand; and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- ☞ God who names you, Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
✚ bless you and remain with you always.**
- ☞ Amen.**

↑ SENDING HYMN: *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

ELW Hymn 860

- 1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**
- 2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**
- 3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.**

Text: African American spiritual

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↑ SENDING

- ☞ Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.**
- ☞ Thanks be to God.**

↑ POSTLUDE

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Altar Guild: Paul & Carol Talbot

Lector: (8:30)-Pat Ronco; (11:00)-Carol Jensen-Linton

Tech crew: (8:30)-Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins

(11:00)-Brad McCumber, Linda Volckmann, Brad Milburn

Ushers: (8:30)-John Musil; (11:00)-Ethan Miller

THE LESSONS

Sunday, January 28

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 6:1-2, 7, 18-20, 23, 28-32, 37

The first reading is from 1st Kings, the 6th chapter.

¹In the four hundred eightieth year after the Israelites came out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, which is the second month, Solomon began to build the house of the LORD. ² The house that King Solomon built for the LORD was sixty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and thirty cubits high.

⁷ The house was built with stone finished at the quarry so that neither hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron was heard in the temple while it was being built.

¹⁸ The cedar within the house had carvings of gourds and open flowers; all was cedar; no stone was seen. ¹⁹ The inner sanctuary he prepared in the innermost part of the house, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD. ²⁰ The interior of the inner sanctuary was twenty cubits long, twenty cubits wide, and twenty cubits high; he overlaid it with pure gold. He also overlaid the altar with cedar.

²³ In the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olivewood, each ten cubits high . . . it was ten cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. ²⁸ He also overlaid the cherubim with gold.

²⁹ He carved the walls of the house all around about with carved engravings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, in the inner and outer rooms. ³⁰ The floor of the house he overlaid with gold, in the inner and outer rooms.

³¹ For the entrance to the inner sanctuary he made doors of olivewood; the lintel and the doorposts were five-sided. ³² He covered the two doors of olivewood with carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers; he overlaid them with gold and spread gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees.

³⁷ The house was finished in all its parts and according to all its specifications. Solomon was seven years in building it.

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L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter. **C** Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

