

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
February 4, 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 Miriam

↑ 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:** *Rise, Shine, You People!*

ELW Hymn 665

**1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.**

**2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.**

**3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.**

**4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.**

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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**

☞ Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21, 28-31

see insert

SECOND READING: Psalm 147

see insert

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

ELW Hymn 314, sts. 1 & 3

**1 Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**

**3 Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

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↑ **GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28**

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SERMON

Pastor Miriam

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Healer of Our Every Ill*

ELW Hymn 612

Refrain

**Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**1 You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain***

**2 In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain***

**3 Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain***

**4 You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain***

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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."

REJOICE AND RENEW: A CALL TO SANCTUARY RENEWAL

INVITATION TO OFFERING (to resource the general core fund) *Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>

We acknowledge that you may have already offered your gifts electronically or by mail. Thank you.



MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00)-*I Am the Light, Ralph Johnson*

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: *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

ELW Hymn 721

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death; vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us. *(Repeat song as needed)*

↑ 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: *Jesus Shall Reign*

ELW Hymn 434

- 1** Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2** To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3** People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 4** Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5** Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

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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: Carol Jensen-Linton

Lector: (8:30)-Becky Lee; (11:00)-Dave Byers

*Tech crew: (8:30)-Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins
(11:00)-Brad Milburn*

Ushers: (8:30)-Tor Brunso; (11:00)-Pat & Mike Oliver

Altar flowers given by Connie Earle in memory of Jim Earle

THE LESSONS

Sunday, February 4

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21, 28-31

The first reading is from Isaiah, the 40th chapter.

- I ²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
- II ²⁸ The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted,
C ³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Psalm 147

The second reading is from Psalm 147. We read it responsively.

- I ¹ Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
- C ³ **He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.**
- II ⁴ He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
- C ⁵ **Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.**
- I ⁶ The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.
- C ⁷ **Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.**
- II ¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;
- C ¹¹ **but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.**
- ALL: ^{20c} **Praise the LORD!**

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The Gospel reading is on the back.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

- P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**
- P** ²¹ They came *at last* to the village of Capernaum *on the Sea of Galilee*; and on the Sabbath Day, Jesus went straight into a synagogue, *sat down*, and began to teach.
- I** ²² The people *looked at each other*, amazed, because this strange teacher acted as One authorized by God, and what He taught affected them in ways their own scribes and teachers could not.
- II** ²³ Just then a man in the gathering who was overcome by an unclean spirit shouted.
- I** **Unclean Spirit:** ²⁴ What are You doing here, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I can see who You are! You're the Holy One of God.
- II** **Jesus (rebuking him):** ²⁵ Be quiet and come out of him NOW!
- P** ²⁶ The man's body began to shake and shudder; and then, howling, the spirit flew out of the man.
²⁷ The people couldn't stop talking about what they had seen.
- C** **Who is this Jesus? What on earth has happened? This new teacher has authority behind his teaching. Even the unclean spirits obey His commands!**
- P** ²⁸ It wasn't long before news of Jesus spread over the countryside of Galilee.
- The Voice (VOICE)*
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- P** The Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**