

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
January 19, 2025
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor

Larry Peterson, Director of Worship and Music

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

*The prelude is the beginning of the worship service and is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.
Please be respectful of the worshippers around you who are using this time for that purpose.*

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 take a pre-packaged kit with grape juice and a gluten-free wafer from the center communion server. Please tell an usher if you need communion brought to you where you sit.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always

☑ **And also with you.**

We share a sign of God's peace.

↑ GATHERING HYMN: *All Are Welcome*

ELW Hymn 641

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain-All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***

**3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain***

**4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain***

Hymn continues on next page.

- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

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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.**

↑ HYMN OF PRAISE *Now the Feast and Celebration*

ELW Hymn 167

**Refrain-Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forevermore!**

- 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. Refrain**
- 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. Refrain**
- 3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;
to make all things new. Refrain**

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↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☞ Let us pray. Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
☞ **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Peter 2:1-4

see insert

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:11-16, 21-24

see insert

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Listen to the Word*

ACS Hymn 974

**Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand;
listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don't understand.**

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↑ GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

see insert

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY: *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

ELW Hymn 452

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.**
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity, the very bond of peace.**
- 3 There is one body and one hope, one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God who made us all.**
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.**
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.**

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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, "We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people." Please respond, "Amen."

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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



MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00) *Walk in the Light, Andre Thomas*

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, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

—ELW S200

↑ 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.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Lamb of God*

ELW S201

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Taste and See*

ELW Hymn 493

Refrain-Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

1 **I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. Refrain**

Hymn continues next page.

2 **Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.**
I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. *Refrain*

Refrain-Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

3 **Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.**
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

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↑ **PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION**

☞ The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy,
 anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

☛ **Amen.**

↑ **SENDING HYMN: *We All Are One in Mission***

ELW Hymn 576

1 **We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,**
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

2 **We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.**
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

3 **Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.**
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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↑ **SENDING**

☞ Go in peace. GROW in hope.
 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 Talbott

Lector: (8:30) Imanuela Agada

(11:00) Minka Fulton

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

(11:00) Joni Siepert, Carol Jensen-Linton, Brad Milburn

Usher: (8:30) Bob Spruck, John Musil

(11:00) Ethan Miller, Tom Smith

Communion servers: (11:00) Richard King, Gail & Fred Herbert

Altar flowers given by Linda & Bill Volckmann in honor of Carrie's kidney donation.

THE LESSONS

Sunday, January 19

FIRST READING: 1 Peter 2:1-4

The first reading is from 1st Peter , the 2nd chapter.

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:11-16, 21-24

The second reading is from Ephesians, the 4th chapter.

Christ himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to **equip** the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to **maturity** to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must **grow up** in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, **joined and knit together** by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.

For surely you have heard about Christ and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be **renewed** in the spirit of your minds, and to **clothe** yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 2nd chapter. 🙏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 Praise to you, O Christ.

