

# PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia  
February 2, 2025  
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor

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☐ = 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: *In His Temple Now Behold Him*

*ELW Hymn 417*

**1 In his temple now behold him, see the long-expected Lord;  
ancient prophets had foretold him, God has sent the promised Word.  
Now to praise him, his redeemed shall break forth with one accord.**

**2 In the arms of her who bore him, virgin pure, behold him lie,  
while his aged saints adore him, ere in perfect faith they die.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Lo, the incarnate God Most High!**

**3 Jesus, by your presentation, when they blessed you, weak and poor,  
make us see your great salvation, seal us with your promise sure;  
and present us, in your glory, to your Father, cleansed and pure.**

**4 Prince and author of salvation, be your boundless love our theme!  
Jesus, praise to you be given by the world you did redeem,  
with the Father and the Spirit God of majesty supreme!**

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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.**

**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. Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☛ Amen.

**FIRST READING: Verses on God's creation**

*see insert*

**SECOND READING: Psalm 104:10-18**

*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: Matthew 6:26-33**

*see insert*

**SERMON**

*Pastor Fritz*

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY: This Is My Father's World**

*ELW Hymn 824*

**1 This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**

**2 This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.**

**3 This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!**

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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.**

*Continued on the next page.*

**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."*

## A MINISTRIES AND SMALL GROUPS MOMENT

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

We now dedicate the financial gifts we offer to the Lord and the Lord's agenda, gifts either already given online, or before or after the service in the offering box. Likewise, we prayerfully consider the ways we offer ourselves to God's kingdom throughout the whole week.

*Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>



**MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00)** *How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place, Kenneth Kosche* 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: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*ELW Hymn 733*

- 1** **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
 thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

**Refrain**-Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
 all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2** **Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
 join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain**

- 3** **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain**

## ↑ 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: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

*ELW Hymn 545*

**1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,  
trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**2 Thanks we give and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
to your truth may we be found.**

**3 Savior, when your love shall call us  
from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us,  
glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
reign with you in endless day.**

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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 Jensen-Linton*

*Assisting Ministers: (8:30) Delee Rehak (11:00) Dave Byers*

*Lector: (8:30) Laura Musil (11:00) Marty Hagberg*

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

*(11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton, Linda Volckmann, Brad Milburn*

*Usher: (8:30) Stephen Gundersen, Buddy Troy*

*(11:00) Ethan Miller, Tom Smith*

*Communion servers: (8:30) Mike & Sue Earwood, Chip Beard, Bill Grabill*

*(11:00) Allison McCumber, Ethan Miller, April Peterson*

*Altar flowers given by Laura & Kevin Hawkins in honor of Laura's birthday.*

# THE LESSONS

Sunday, February 2

**FIRST READING:** *Join me in reading various Bible verses on God's creation. Please read the **portion in bold**:*

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden  
**to work it and take care of it.** — *Genesis 2:15*

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
**Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.** — *Psalms 19:1-2*

The earth is the Lord's,  
**and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.** — *Psalms 24:1*

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—  
have been clearly seen,  
**being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.** — *Romans 1:20.*

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were  
created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or  
authorities;  
**all things have been created through him and for him.** — *Colossians 1:15-16.*

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING: Psalm 104:10-18**

The second reading is from 104<sup>th</sup> Psalm.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord makes springs pour water into the ravines;  
it flows between the mountains.

<sup>11</sup> They give water to all the beasts of the field;  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

<sup>12</sup> The birds of the sky nest by the waters;  
they sing among the branches.

<sup>13</sup> He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;  
the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

<sup>14</sup> He makes grass grow for the cattle,  
and plants for people to cultivate—  
bringing forth food from the earth:

<sup>15</sup> wine that gladdens human hearts,  
oil to make their faces shine,  
and bread that sustains their hearts.

<sup>16</sup> The trees of the Lord are well watered,  
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

<sup>17</sup> There the birds make their nests;  
the stork has its home in the junipers.

<sup>18</sup> The high mountains belong to the wild goats;  
the crags are a refuge for the hyrax.

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*Gospel on the back.*

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 6:26-33**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.      **G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

<sup>28</sup> “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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