

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Peachtree City, Georgia  
February 9, 2025  
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. William Flippin, Jr., Preacher

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: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

*ELW Hymn 413*

**1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

**4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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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. Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8**

*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 15:1-17**

*see insert*

**SERMON**

*Rev. Dr. William Flippin, Jr., Preacher*

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY: I Received the Living God**

*ELW Hymn 477*

**Refrain-I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.  
I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.**

**1 Jesus said: I am the bread, kneaded long to give you life;  
you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. Refrain**

**2 Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you;  
so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. Refrain**

**3 Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me.  
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. Refrain**

**4 Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,  
but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. Refrain**

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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 "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) *Two Fishermen, Suzanne Toolan*

*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:** *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.**
- 3** **Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
 from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."**
- 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.**

## ↑ 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: *Here I Am, Lord*

*ELW Hymn 574*

- 1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*-Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

- 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

- 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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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*

*Lector: (8:30) Pat Ronco (11:00) Patrick Bauer*

*Assisting minister: (8:30) Debi Handy (11:00) Carol Jensen-Linton*

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

*(11:00) Joni Siepert, Kendra Campell-Milburn, Brad Milburn*

*Usher: (8:30) Jim Basinger, John Musil (11:00) Mike & Pat Oliver*

*Communion servers: (8:30) Shelly Jones, Betty Schmidt, Brenda Nuscher*

*(11:00) Dave & Sue Byers, Patrick Bauer*

*Altar flowers given in honor of Jonah's Golden Birthday on February 16th! Love, his Mom & Dad.*

# THE LESSONS

Sunday, February 9

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

The first reading is from Isaiah , the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

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

The second reading is from Ephesians, the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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*Gospel is on the back.*

## **GOSPEL: John 15:1-17**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.      **G**      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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