

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
February 16, 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 (11:00) *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*, arr. Averitt *COS Flute Choir*
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: *Let Justice Flow like Streams*

ELW Hymn 717

1 Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water, pure,
enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.

2 Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed,
an ever-flowing stream of faith translated into deed.

3 So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true,
and justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

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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*

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2 Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain*

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!

**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. Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☩ Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

see insert

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

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: Luke 6:17-26**

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SERMON

Pastor Fritz

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY: *Let Streams of Living Justice***

ELW Hymn 710

- 1 Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.**
- 2 For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colors with your sun.**
- 3 Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.**

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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.**

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**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.

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MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00) Rejoice and Be Glad, Glen Pickett

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Flute Choir ↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| ☐ | The Lord be with you. | ☐ | And also with you. |
| ☐ | Lift up your hearts. | ☐ | We lift them to the Lord. |
| ☐ | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | ☐ | It is right to give our thanks and praise. |
| ☐ | It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn: | | |
| ☐ | 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

- ☐ **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: *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

ELW Hymn 726

- 1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.**

**Refrain—The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.**

- 2 Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. Refrain**

- 3 Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. 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: *Canticle of the Turning*

ELW Hymn 723

- 1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain-My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

- 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

- 3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

- 4 Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

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↑ SENDING

- ☞ Go in peace. Live in hope.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- ☞ Thanks be to God.

↑ POSTLUDE (11:00) *Bourée, G. F. Handel, arr. Kile*

COS Flute Choir

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Altar Guild: Carol Jensen-Linton

Lector: (8:30) Sue Blackburn (11:00) Marty Hagberg

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

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

Usher: (8:30) Bob Spruck, Buddy Troy (11:00) Ethan Miller, Tom Smith

Communion servers: (8:30) Sue & Bob Blackburn, Jaycine Lester, Margaret Aldredge

(11:00) Eileen Conrad, Vickie Dauenhauer, Cassie Groover

Altar flowers given by Carol Jensen-Linton in honor of Carol Jensen-Linton and Adam Linton's birthdays.

Christ Our Shepherd Flute Choir: Rita DeNell, Sarah DeNell, Penny Kahley, Sarah Wampler

Director-Karl Dietmeyer

THE LESSONS

Sunday, February 16

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-10

The first reading is from Jeremiah, the 17th chapter.

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—

who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

The second reading is from 1 Corinthians, the 15th chapter.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

Gospel is on the back.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter. **G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

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