

# Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

Peachtree City, Georgia

February 9, 2025 9:45 a.m.

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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**P** = Pastor   **C** = All   **L** = Leader

### PRELUDE: *TOUCH A HAND*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EXCHANGING THE PEACE OF THE

### LORD OPENING SONG: *PUT A LITTLE LOVE IN YOUR HEART*

#### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** 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.

**C** Amen.

**READINGS: Isaiah 6:1-8;  
Ephesians 4:11-16, 21-24***see insert*

↑ **GOSPEL: John 15:1-17***see insert*

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

↑ **SONG OF THE DAY: *YOUR LOVE  
NEVER FAILS***

↑ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH:  
THE APOSTLES' CREED**

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace,"  
please respond, "Hear our prayer."

When the prayers conclude, please respond, "Amen."

### A MINISTRIES & SMALL GROUPS MOMENT

### OFFERING

<https://coslutheran.org/give/>

We acknowledge that you may have given  
Online or through the mail. Thank you.



## 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave  
thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the  
forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your  
name; your kingdom come, your will be  
done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today  
our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we  
forgive those who sin against us; Save us  
from the time of trial and deliver us from  
evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH or at home with your household

### COMMUNION SONG: *BE LOVED*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & BENEDICTION

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

**C** Amen.

### SENDING SONG: *LOVE TRAIN* DISMISSAL

- L** Go in peace. Grow in hope. Invite all  
to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway  
of joy and life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

# 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.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God

*Gospel is on the back.*

## GOSPEL: John 15:1-17

📖 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.      🗣️ **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.

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.      🗣️ **Praise to you, O Christ.**