Fifth Sunday in Lent
Colorful Characters-Peter

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia
April 6, 2025 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

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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

⇧ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

℗ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✢ one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

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℗ Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

℗ Compassionate One,

© **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,**
but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.
We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.
We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.
Amen.

℗ Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home.
In ✢ Christ, your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

© **Amen.**

⇧ GATHERING HYMN: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* *ELW Hymn 414*

1 Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.

2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

3 Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on.

4 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

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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.**

⇧ KYRIE *ELW Hymn 157*

ℒ In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

℃ **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

ℒ For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

℃ **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

ℒ For your people here who have come to give you praise,for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

℃ **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

ℒ Help, save, and defend us, O God.

℃ **Amen.**

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⇧ PRAYER OF THE DAY

℗ Let us pray. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

℃ **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:4-8 *see insert*

SECOND READING: Psalm 126 *see insert*

⇧ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Return to God*

Return to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God *(sing 2 times)*

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⇧ GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11 *see insert*

SERMON Pastor John Weber

⇧ HYMN OF THE DAY: *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore* *ELW Hymn 817*

1 You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.

***Refrain*-Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name.**
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.

2 You know full well what I have, Lord: neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain*

3 You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary--
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain*

4 You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain*

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⇧ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

℗ Let us profess our baptismal faith together.

℃ **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God, in your mercy." ***please respond, "Receive our prayer."***
The prayers are ended with these words, "Receive the prayers of your people … who leads us from death to life." ***Please respond, "Amen."***

⇧ EXCHANGING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always
C **And also with you.**
We share a sign of God's peace.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Link to give: https://coslutheran.org/give/

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING *(11:00) Into Your Hands, Michael John Trotta* *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 pow'r and might, holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full, 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 Hymn 190

⇧ 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 grape juice and gluten-free wafer.

COMMUNION HYMN: *O Christ, Lamb of God* *ELW Hymn 195*

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: *Now Behold the Lamb (sing each stanza 3 times)* *ELW Hymn 341*

1 Now behold the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God,
who bore all my sin, that I may live again: the precious Lamb of God.

2 Holy is the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God.
Why you love me so, Lord, I shall never know; the precious Lamb of God.

3 Thank you for the Lamb, the precious Lamb of God.
Because of your grace I can finish the race; the precious Lamb of God.

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⇧ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

⇧ SENDING HYMN: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* *ELW Hymn 802*

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading, trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly, living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be; life eternal grant to me.

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⇧ SENDING

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

⇧ POSTLUDE

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(11:00) Jeff and Mary Jeffrey, Patrick Bauer
Lector: (8:30) Laura Musil (11:00) Marty Hagberg
Tech crew: (8:30) Davida Kilgore
(11:00) Joni Siepert, Kendra Campbell-Milburn, Brad Milburn
Ushers: (8:30) Stephen Gundersen, Bob Spruck (11:00) Mike & Pat Oliver

The Lessons

Sunday, April 6

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:4-8

L The 1st reading is from Isaiah, the 6th chapter.

4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with
smoke. 5 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!"
6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of
tongs. 7 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." 8 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!"

L The Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God**

SECOND READING: Psalm 126

L We read the Psalm responsively

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."
3 The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.
4 **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,**
like the watercourses of the Negeb.
5 Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.
6 **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,**
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 5th chapter. C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to
hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of
them and were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked
him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the
boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your
nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing.
Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that
their nets were beginning to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help
them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he
fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all who
were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John,
sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from
now on you will be catching people." 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything
and followed him.

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