

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
Peachtree City, Georgia

January 18, 2026 11:00 am

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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation
ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction. 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

EXCHANGING THE PEACE *We share a sign of God's peace.*

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

ELW Hymn 314

Please use either the red hymnal in the pew rack or the LED projection screens for the music and words.

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 *Glory to God in the highest*

ELW page 148

☒ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

☑ **Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever,
that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

You may be seated

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

see insert page 6

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia.

ELW page 151

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 1:29-42

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You may be seated

SERMON

Pastor Wes

Please stand as you are able

HYMN OF THE DAY Gather Us In

ELW 532

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You may be seated.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Holland Roseann Grager-Dzicek

Parents: Joell Grager & Shane Dzicek

- P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C** **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.
- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C** **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.**
- P** Let us welcome the newly baptized.
- C** **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "Merciful God," please respond, "Receive our prayer."

The prayers are ended with these words, "Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers ... made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior." Please respond, "Amen."

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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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 *I Am the Light, Ralph Johnson*

Sanctuary Choir

Please stand as you are able

OFFERTORY *Come and See*

ACS Hymn 976

What are you looking for? Come, see, come and see.

What are you looking for? Come and see. (Come and see.)

Text: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962, from John 1:38-39

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OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BLESSING

- ☞ May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise
✚ bless you now and forever.
- ☞ Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

ELW Hymn 871

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SENDING

- ☞ Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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(11:00) Joni Siefert, Kendra Campbell-Milburn, Brad Milburn

Ushers: (8:30) Jim Basinger, John Musil

(11:00) Tom Conrad, Ethan Miller

THE LESSONS

Sunday, January 18

FIRST READING *Isaiah 49:1-7*

☐ The first reading is from Isaiah the 49th chapter.

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands;
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born;
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD
and my reward with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷ Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

☒ The second reading is from 1st Corinthians, the 1st chapter.

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☒ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL *John 1:29-42*

☒ The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’” ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**