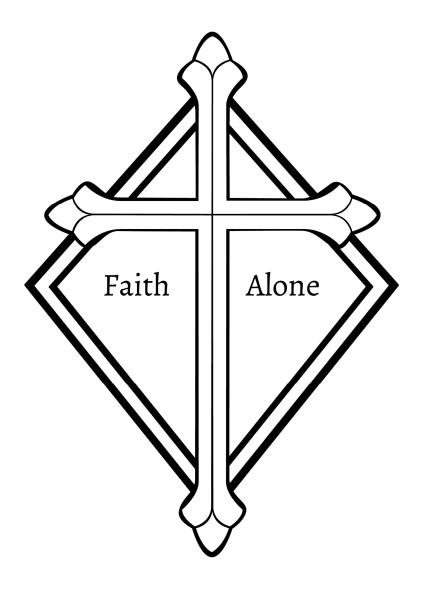
# Quinquagesima Sunday

Sunday 14 February Anno Domini 2021



We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the Prophets will be accomplished.

—Luke 18:31

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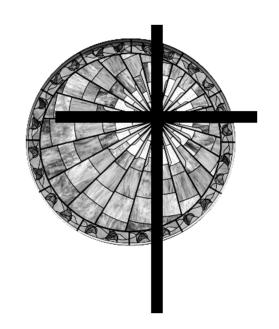
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# Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

Here is where Jesus answers His promise to be with us always, by coming to us in His living and active Word and the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

**Welcome, visitors!** We are glad to have you with us this morning as the Lord comes to us to give His gifts of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The resources of Epiphany are at your disposal. If you need assistance, the ushers are glad to help. Please make sure to introduce yourself to our Pastor and congregation, and join us after the service for fellowship and Bible Study!

**Parents of Small Children:** We are very happy that you are here today, honoring Our Lord's Words: "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Lk. 18:16). If you feel you must step out with a fussy child, please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Divine Service, not out.

The Sacrament of the Altar is offered at Epiphany every Lord's Day and every Wednesday evening. The normal communicant is a confirmed member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS). Under no circumstances should an un-baptized person commune. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, or have not communed at Epiphany before, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder before the service begins.



**If you need help hearing the service**, the sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop, a special type of sound system that connects directly to hearing aids. Simply set your hearing aid to "T" (telecoil) to connect.

#### THE THEME OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Today's liturgy reminds you that your Lord delivers you in His righteousness (*Introit*). He does this by setting you free from the bonds of sins and defending you from all evil (*Collect*) when He goes us to Jerusalem to suffer, be put to death and rise again (*Gospel*). This is the wonder that your God does (*Gradual*) and it encourages you not only to enter His gates with thanksgiving, but also to serve Him with gladness (*Tract*). His death-march to Jerusalem models the perfect love, even as His death received plants that Love of God within you (*Epistle*).

# THE PREPARATION



Text: Adam Reusner (1496-c.1575); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78), sts. 1-4, alt.

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#### **INVOCATION; CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

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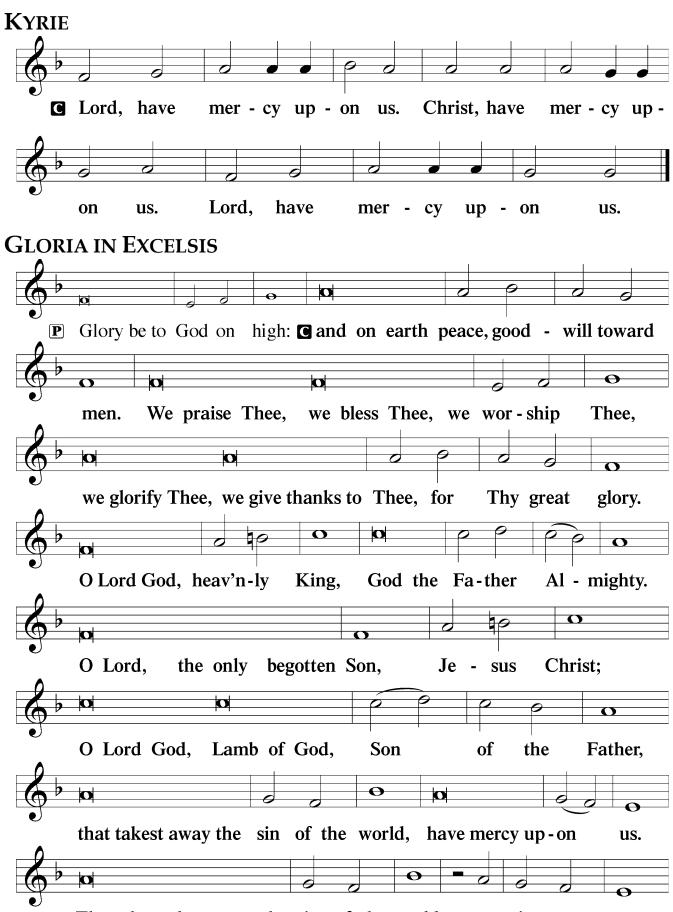
Psalm 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: Psalm 31:2b-3



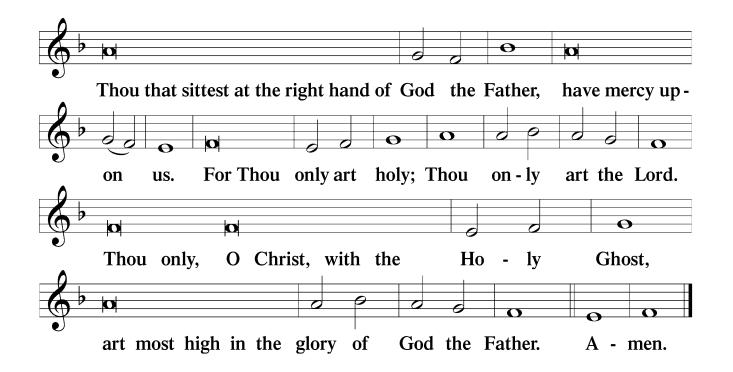
- **P** Be a Rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to | save me! \*
  - For You are my Rock and my Fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and | guide me.
- In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame; \* in Your righteousness de- | liver me!
- Into Your hand I commit my | spirit; \*

You have redeemed me, O Lord, | faithful God.

- P Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am | in distress; \* my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body | also.
- Make Your face shine on Your | servant; \* save me in Your | steadfast love!
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning, \* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P Be a Rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to | save me! \*
  For You are my Rock and my Fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and |
  guide me.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



O Lord, we beseech You, mercifully hear our prayers, and having set us free from the bonds of sin, defend us from all evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please **BE SEATED**.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 35:3-7

In those days Isaiah said: "Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.'

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Psalm 77:14, 15



- P You are the God who works | wonders; \*
  - You have made known Your might among the | peoples.
- You with Your arm redeemed Your | people, \* the children of Jacob and | Joseph.

#### **EPISTLE READING**

1 *Corinthians* 13:1-13

Brethren: If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

TRACT

Psalm 100:1-3

- Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth! \*
  Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!
- Know that the Lord, | He is God! \*

It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His | pasture.

HOLY GOSPEL St. Luke 18:31-43

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



At that time Jesus said to the twelve: "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For He will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. And after flogging Him, they will kill Him, and on the third day He will rise." But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

As He drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he came near, He asked him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



#### **NICENE CREED**

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

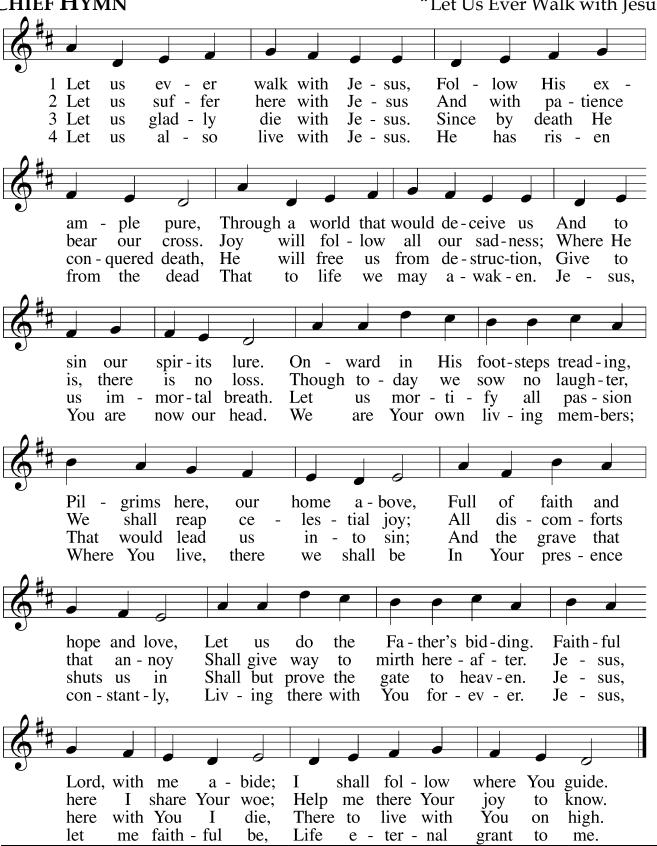
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.



Text: Sigismund von Birken (1626-81); tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt. Tune: Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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## **SERMON**

Please **STAND**.

#### **OFFERTORY**



Please **STAND**.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

after each petition:

P ...let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy. P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

the prayers conclude:

**P** ...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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#### VOLUNTARY

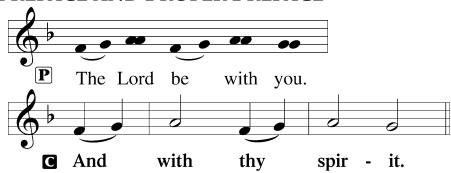
During the voluntary, the Celebrant prepares the Altar for the Supper. You are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Holy Communion. Psalms 34, 42, 84, and 116 are especially suitable.

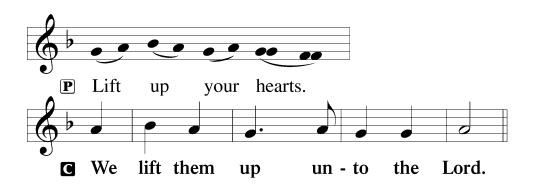
Your offering may be deposited in the plate located near the Baptismal Font when you go to the Altar for Holy Communion.

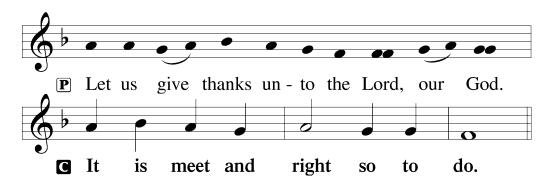
# THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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## PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

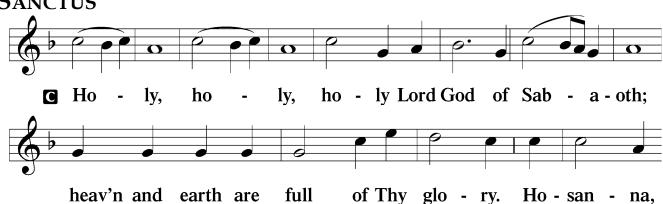






**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:







ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

P 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.



## WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



Please **BE SEATED**.

## DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"Let Me Be Thine Forever," 689



be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and 1 Let Lord: me 2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di vine.

3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it. My com - fort - er and guide.



for-sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Let Word. me on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine! Je - sus' mer - it Grant that in Ι al - ways may con -



ver, But Lord, do not let give me stead - fast - ness. me wa me With blood and For Thou hast dear - ly bought bit - ter the end con-fess ing Whom I have known by



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'11 bless. Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter-nal life ob - tain. Give me Thy con-stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

Text: Nicolaus Selnecker (1532-92), st. 1; Gesang-Büchlein, Rudolstadt, 1688, sts. 2-3; tr. Matthias Lov (1828-1915), alt. Tune: Henry Lawes (1595-1662)

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Tune: Bartholomäus Gesius (c. 1555-1613), adapt.

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"Your Table I approach," 628



- ap proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
- 2 Lord. con-fess And mourn their wretch-ed bands: mv sins Ι and Your blood, 3 Your bod - y Once slain and shed for
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This won-drous mys-ter-y;



un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to Let not an me there. find For - give-ness at con-trite heart is sure to Your hands. at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty. Are tak - en God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

The hymn concludes on the next page.

5 O grant, most blessed, Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this Sacrament Raise doubt within my mind! 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true Body and true Blood,
O God, my Peace and Light.

Spir - it, Fount of grace, The

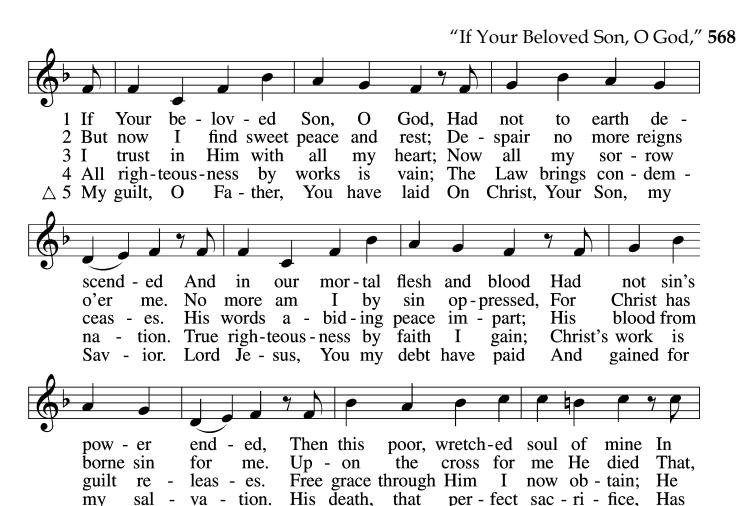
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ST. MICHAEL SM

Tune: Trente quatre Peeaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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e - ter - nal - ly would pine Be - cause of my trans-gres - sion. rec - on-ciled, I might a - bide With You, my God, for - ev - er. wash-es me from ev - 'ry stain, And pure I stand be - fore Him. paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; In Him my hope is an - chored. to You faith and hope pre - serve me. good in me trace; In

Text: Johann Heermann (1585-1647) sts. 1-4; *Neu-vermehtres...Gesangbuch*, Braunschweig, 1661, st. 5 Tune: *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524

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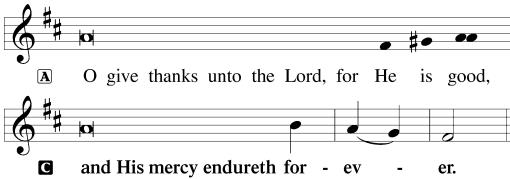
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#### Please **STAND**.

#### **NUNC DIMITTIS**



## **THANKSGIVING**



**P** Let us pray.

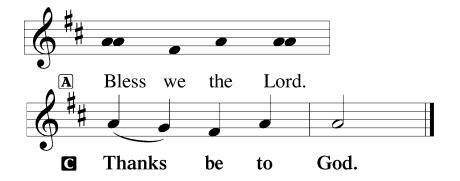
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon

and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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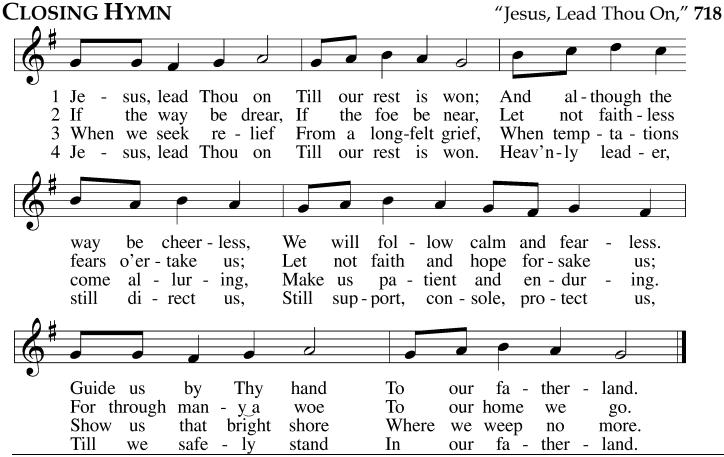




**P**The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.





Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendork (1700-60); tr. Jane L. Borthwick (1813-97), alt.

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Tune: Adam Drese (1620-1701)

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## **Announcements**

#### TODAY IN ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Today continue to examine the claims of the Biblical creation account, the claims of the theory of evolution, and the scientific method. We will answer the question of creation vs. evolution and get the tools to defend our faith in the Biblical record of God's creation of the universe in six literal 24-hour days.

#### PALM BURNING FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Before the education hour begins today, you are invited to gather outside as we burn last year's palms from Palm Sunday to make this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday. The rite will only take about 10 minutes.

#### **BIBLE READING CHALLENGE**

One of the spiritual disciplines many Christians adopt during the season of Lent is increased time in the Scriptures. While we have all read the Bible, have you ever read the entire Bible in one year? Pastor Beffrey invites you to join him in a plan to read all of the Bible (and then some) in one year. If you start on Ash Wednesday, you will finish just before the beginning of Lent 2022. Copies of the reading schedule are on the table in the Narthex. If you need a copy sent to you, please let Pastor know.

#### MONTHLY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Beginning on **Monday**, **March 1**, there will be a monthly women's Bible study, which will meet the first Monday of every month at **7:00 PM**. The study will be on the Book of James. All women of Epiphany are invited, and you are welcomed to bring friends with you!

#### WMLHS DRAMA PRODUCTION

West Michigan Lutheran High School's fall play, *All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, will be on **March 26 and 27**. The production is a storytelling piece based on Robert Fullghum's first five best-selling books. These entertaining stories deliver a heartfelt perspective on everyday life, and the profound echoes that reverberate through it.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, tickets need to be reserved in advance, as seating at the door will be restricted. Watch for updates. Be sure to save the dates: Friday, March 26 at 7 PM and Saturday, March 27 at 3 PM.

#### WMLHS FUNDRAISER AUCTION

The West Michigan Lutheran auction is coming virtually to a web browser near you! Mark for calendars for this Miedema-auctioneered event that starts **February 22**. All proceeds go toward the tuition assistance program.

The WML auction committee is searching for donations from our community—craft items, food, your services. Perhaps your employer might make a donation? Please email Kristine Angers (kangers@wmlhs.org) or Leah Guis (lraeguis3@gmail.com) if you have something to donate for the auction. *Thank you for supporting YOUR Lutheran school!* 

STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK	Attendance (	Communicants	Offerings
<b>Sunday</b> (2/7)	30	25	\$1050

# **Serving Today**

Celebrant and Preacher	Rev. Ryan Beffrey
Organist	Diane Scott
Floor Elder	
Serving Elder	Craig Baier
Acolyte	
Counters	Jeremy Baier & Dan Scott
Altar Guild	
Flowers	

#### **Serving Next Sunday**

Floor Elder	Craig Baier
Serving Elder	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Acolyte	
Counters	
Altar Guild	Becky Stefffens & Cindy MacInosh

# **In Our Prayers**

#### Those with cancer

Keri Jastifer, Ted Mattingly, Darrell Dombrowski, Bill Miller, Todd Henderson, Bobby Vollman, Cameron Scott, Pam Peterman, Charlene Moore, Raquel Steffes, Keith Lundgren.

#### Those with health issues, difficulties, and challenges

Ken Zyk, Carol Powell, Norma Biggs, Shanda Brennan, Hannah Kelsey, Nathan Martin, Kitty Young, Alvina Hoffbeck, Doris Uramkin, Karen Garlock, Jeri Barthel, Pam Ashley, Jill White, Lynn Hyatt, Connie Kaniewski, Janet Lundgren.

#### Those who are pregnant

Jordan & Julie Velie

#### Our church work students

Zachariah and Claire Burgdorf, Timothy and Hanna Kern, Timothy and Chelsie Schmeisser.

#### Those serving in our Armed Forces

Hector and Natasha Brojas, Jordan Velie, Jacob Almaguer, Joshua Cipolla, Trent Beffrey, Lucas Golm, Brittany Warf, David Mills.

#### Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week

Jenny Stark (02/15), Melissa Vanarsdal (02/15), Corey Byrant (02/16), Barbara Golm (02/17), Mike Gilbert (02/20).

## Those celebrating Baptism birthdays this week

Ryan Beffrey (02/17)

# This Week at Epiphany

# **Looking Ahead**

3/1 Women's Bible Study

# Next Sunday – Invocavit, the First Sunday in Lent

**Temptation** 

Psalm 91 (antiphon: v. 1)

Old Testament Genesis 3:1-21

Epistle 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 Gospel St. Matthew 4:1-11

Chief Hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is our God," LSB 656