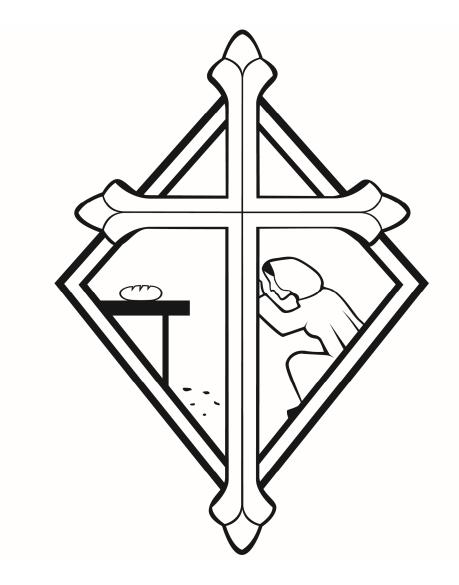
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The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday 28 February Anno Domini 2021



The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

—Isaiah 50:5

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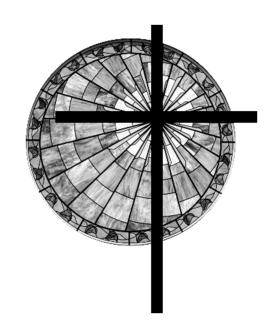
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Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

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

"Of ourselves we have no strength" (*Collect*). So our only comfort is to cry to our faithful God for rescue from our misery (*Chief Hymn*). And our plea is much like the pleading mother (Gospel) – that the Lord remember His mercy and lovingkindness (*Introit*); and that He look upon our affliction and pain, and forgive all our sins (*Gradual*). And our Lord does remember us. He remembers us with His favor and visits us with His salvation (*Tract*).

THE PREPARATION



5 Praise God with acclamation
And in His gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation
Responding to His voice.
Soon years on earth are past;
But time we spend expressing
The love of God brings blessing
That will forever last!

6 Yet even though I suffer
The world's unpleasantness,
And though the days grow rougher
And bring me great distress,
That day of bliss divine,
Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure,
Forever shall be mine.

Text: Ludwig Helmbold (1532-98); tr. Gerald Thorson (1921-2000), sts. 1-2, 6, alt; tr. *Lutheran Service Book*, 2006, st. 3; tr. Gregory J. Wismar (b. 1946), st. 4-5;

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tr. Joseph Herl (b. 1959), st. 7

Tune: Recueil de plusieurs chansons, Lyons, 1557, 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,
- **C** 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

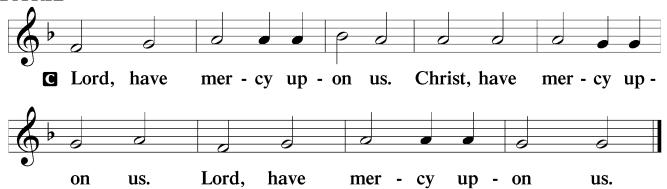
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* Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10; antiphon: Psalm 91:15a, c, 16

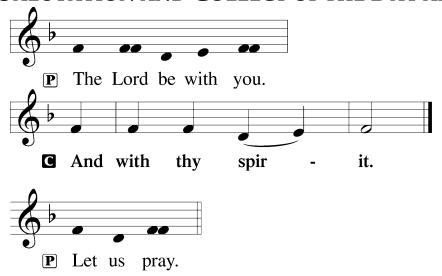
- When he calls to Me, I will | answer him; *
 I will rescue him and | honor him.
 With long life I will sat- | isfy him *
 and show him My sal- | vation.
- P He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High * will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

 I will say to the Lord, "My Refuge and my | Fortress, * my God, in | whom I trust."
- Because you have made the Lord your | Dwelling Place *
 the Most High, who is my | Refuge no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you, *
 no plague come | near your tent.
- You will tread on the lion and the | adder; *
 the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.
- 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.
- When he calls to Me, I will | answer him; * I will rescue him and | honor him.
 With long life I will sat- | isfy him * and show him My sal- | vation.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY AND SEASON



O God, who sees that of ourselves we have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Almighty and everlasting God, who hates nothing You have made and forgives the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of You, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22-32

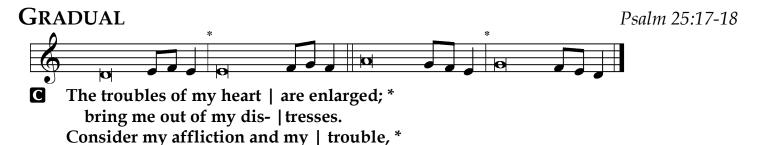
In those days Jacob arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the Man saw that He did not prevail against Jacob, He touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with Him. Then He said, "Let Me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me." And He said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then He said, "Your name

shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked Him, "Please tell me Your name." But He said, "Why is it that you ask My name?" And there He blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

and forgive | all my sins.

C Thanks be to God.

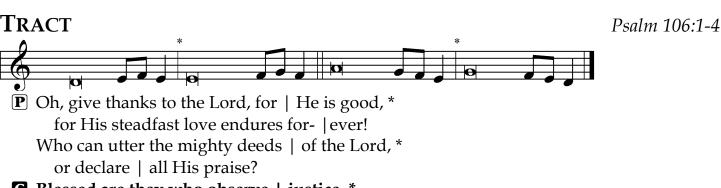


EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Brethren: We ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

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



Blessed are they who observe | justice, *
who do righteousness | at all times!
Remember me, O Lord, when You show favor to Your | people; *
help me when You | save them.

HOLY GOSPEL St. Matthew 15:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.



At that time Jesus withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And He answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.





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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.

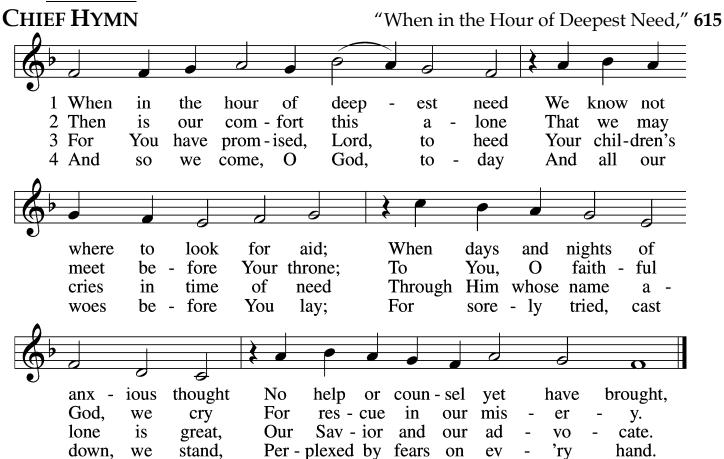
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

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.

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5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face; Absolve us through Your boundless grace.

Be with us in our anguish still;

Free us at last from ev'ry ill.

6 So we with all our hearts each day To You our glad thanksgiving pay, Then walk obedient to Your Word, And now and ever praise, You, Lord.

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SERMON

Please **STAND**.

OFFERTORY



Please **STAND**.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

after each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy, or let us pray to the Lord. C hear our prayer. C Lord, have mercy.

the prayers conclude:

- **P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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VOLUNTARY

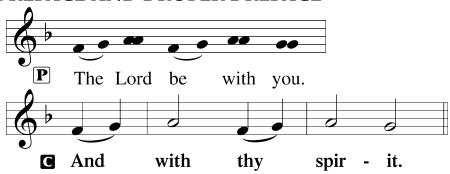
During the voluntary, the Celebrant prepares the Altar for the Supper. You are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Holy Communion. Psalms 34, 42, 84, and 116 are especially suitable.

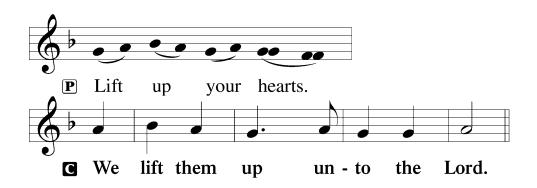
Your offering may be deposited in the plate located near the Baptismal Font when you go to the Altar for Holy Communion.

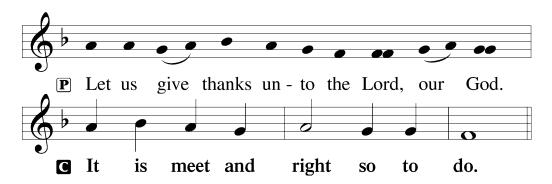
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PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

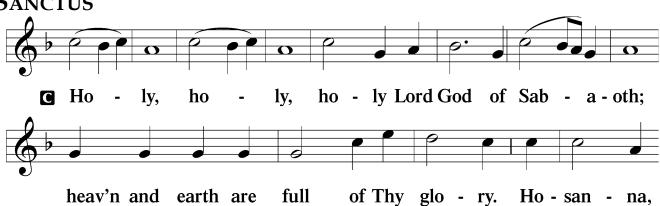






P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:







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."

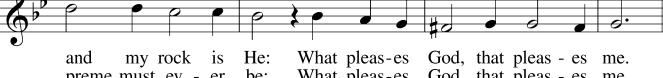
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



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DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD





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God, that pleas - es me.

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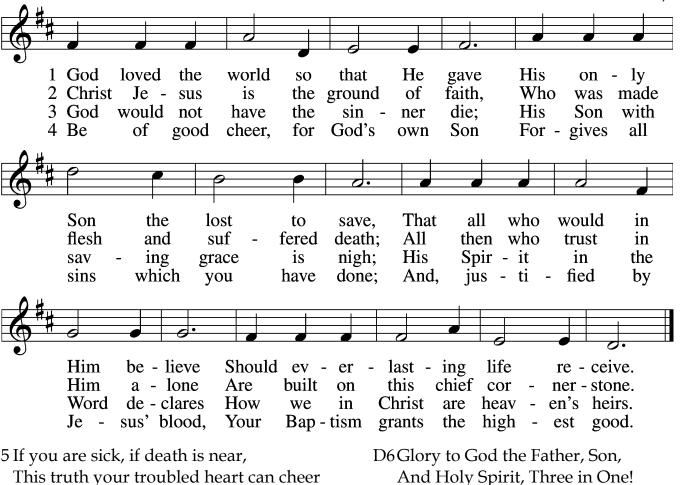
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To You, O blessed Trinity,

Be praise now and eternally!



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Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;

That is the firmest ground of faith.

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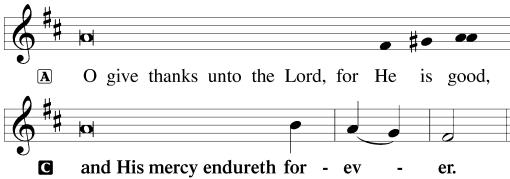
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THANKSGIVING



P Let us pray.

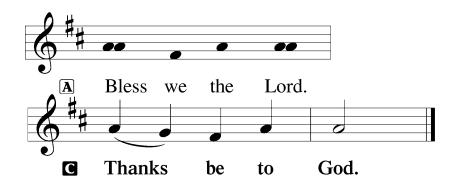
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon

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.



BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION





PThe 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.







Nor, without Him, heaven's pleasure; Jesus, who my soul did save,

Evermore shall be my Treasure.

He redemption did achieve –

Jesus I will never leave.

Gladly by His side I'm staying: Ever Christ will lead me so,

On to streams of life conveying. Say, who blessing would receive:

"Jesus I will never leave."

Text: Christian Keimann (1607-1662); tr., The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, sts. 1-5; tr., Matthew Carver, st. 6.

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Announcements

TODAY IN ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Today we will look at the account of the Flood—was it worldwide? Did it actually happen? Why do these questions matter? Come learn with us as we see how the Flood impacts the question of the world's origins.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS TOMORROW

Tomorrow at 7:00 PM is the first Women's Bible Study. All the women of Epiphany are welcome (and feel free to bring a friend!) as we study the Book of James. We'll meet the first Monday of every month.

SPECIAL PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday Seminary student Timothy Schmeisser (husband of Chelsie MacIntosh) will be preaching. He is one of the recipients of our seminary scholarships.

ORDER EASTER FLOWERS TODAY!

Spring is just around the corner and so is Easter. Forms are on the table in the Narthex to order flowers. They will be available for you to pick up on Easter Sunday, as we would like to use them to adorn the Sanctuary during Easter Services. The last day to order and pay for flowers will be Sunday, March 14, 2021. All orders are to be paid in full to Sheila Haskill. Please read the note on the bottom of the form and acknowledge if you will be taking your flowers after Easter or leaving them. If you have any questions, please call Sheila at 616-896-8504 or 616-723-6613.

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.

WMLHS ONLINE AUCTION

West Michigan Lutheran's Celebrate Online Auction with Miedema's Charity Auctions begins Feb. 22nd at 8am. Check out all of the great baskets from various donations. Donors for the event include: Thrivent Financial, Life EMS, Herman's Boy, Cooper's Hawk, The Shack, Grace Lutheran Church, ISJ Academy, and Yankee Springs Golf Course.

Register for the WML Celebrate Online Auction at https://bit.ly/3qnV74O. Bidding ends March 6th at 6pm. Don't wait to get your bids in for this outstanding auction event! Please note that live bidding will begin Monday, March 1st, 2021; you can still put in a bid on an item, you just won't be able to see the high bid till Monday. If you have questions, call the WML School office at (616) 455-2200 or email kangers@wmlhs.org.

STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK	Attendance	Communicants	Offerings
Wednesday (2/17)	28	21	\$3405
Sunday (2/21)	50	38	Ψυτυυ

Serving Today

Celebrant and Preacher	Rev. Ryan Beffrey
Organist	
Floor Elder	Paul Cook
Serving Elder	
Acolyte	
Counters	Philip Maass & Pam Ihle
Altar Guild	Teresa Fulk & Jen Moushegian

Serving Next Sunday

Floor Elder	Mark MacIntosh
Serving Elder	David Steffens
Acolyte	
Counters	3
Altar Guild	±

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

Rod Killips (3/05)

Those celebrating Baptism birthdays this week

Barbara Golm (3/05)

This Week at Epiphany

Today (2/28)	Divine Service - 9:15 AM
	Sunday School – 15 minutes after service ends Adult Bible Study – 10:45 AM
Monday (3/1)	
Wednesday (3/3)	
• • •	Divine Service - 7:00 PM
Sunday (3/7)	Divine Service - 9:15 AM
-	Sunday School - 15 minutes after service ends
	Adult Bible Study – 10:45 AM

Looking Ahead

Voters' Meeting - 12:00 PM

3/28 Palm Sunday

4/1 Maundy Thursday

4/2 Good Friday

4/3 The Great Vigil of Easter

4/4 Easter Sunday

Next Sunday - Oculi, the Third Sunday in Lent

The Lamb of God

Psalm 25 (antiphon: v. 14) Old Testament Jeremiah 26:1-15

> Epistle Ephesians 5:1-9 Gospel St. Luke 11:14-28

Chief Hymn "Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation," LSB 659