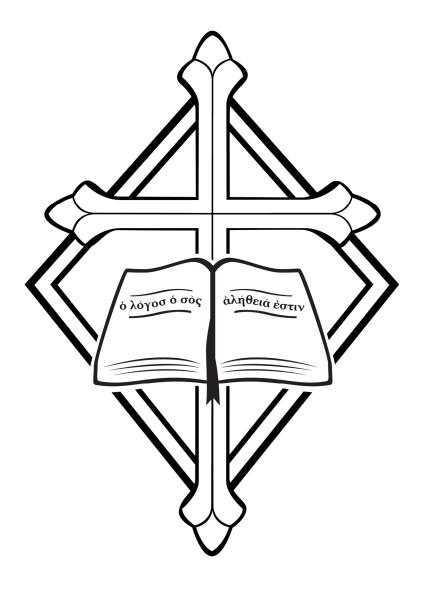
Sexagesima Sunday

Sunday 7 February Anno Domini 2021



Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.

-Psalm 95:7, 8

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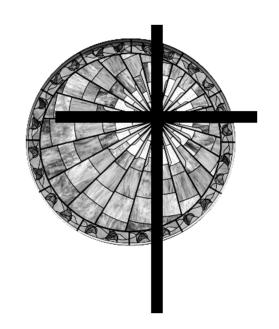
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Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

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

The first phase of today's Collect nicely summarizes today's liturgy: "O God, who sees that we put not our trust in anything we do..." Instead, we hang our hopes on and boast in Our Lord's grace, which is sufficient to see us through all our hardships (*Epistle*). And we have confidence that He will not cast us off forever nor forget us in our affliction (*Introit*). For in His Word and Supper, Our Lord plants His kindness into our hearts (*Gospel*).

THE PREPARATION



Text: John Cawood (1775-1852), 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.

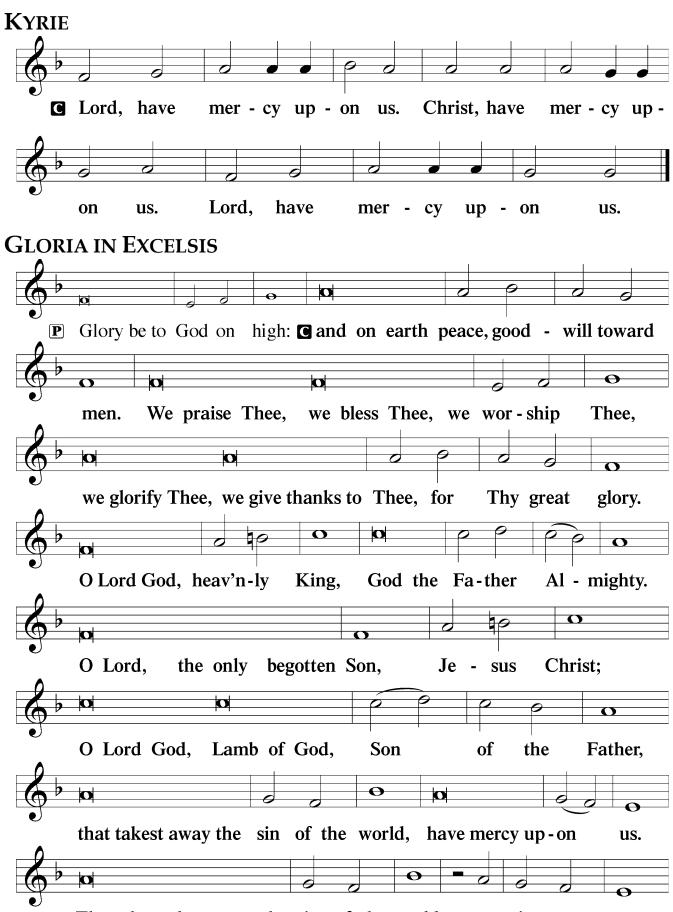
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless 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

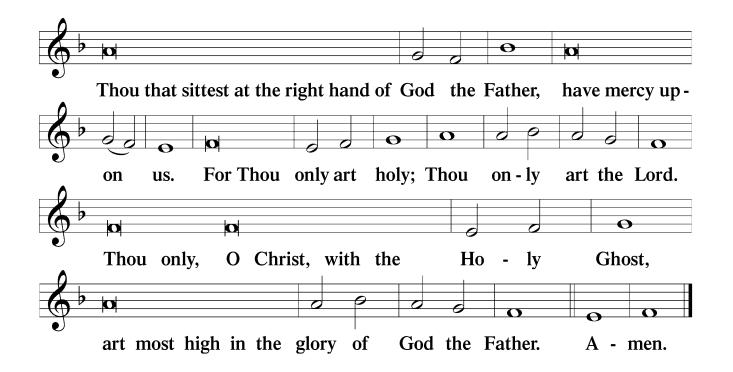
INTROIT

Psalm 44:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Psalm 44:23, 25a, 26a

- Awake! Why are You sleeping, O Lord? Rouse Yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever! * For our soul is bowed down to the dust. Rise up; come | to our help!
- P O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us, * what deeds You performed in their days, in the | days of old:
- You with Your own hand drove out the nations, but them You | planted; * You afflicted the peoples, but them You | set free.
- P But You have saved us | from our foes * and have put to shame those who | hate us.
- In God we have boasted con- |tinually, * and we will give thanks to Your Name for- | ever.
- 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.
- Awake! Why are You sleeping, O Lord? Rouse Yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever! * For our soul is bowed down to the dust. Rise up; come | to our help!



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



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



O God, who sees that we put not our trust in anything that we do, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; 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 55:10-13

Thus says the Lord: "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and

bread to the eater, so shall My Word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth in

to singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

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

GRADUAL Psalm 83:18, 13



- [Let Your enemies] know that You alone, whose name | is the Lord, * are the Most High over | all the earth.
- O my God, make them like | whirling dust, * like chaff be- | fore the wind.

EPISTLE READING

2 *Corinthians* 11:19 – 12:9

Brethren: You gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that!

t whatever anyone else dares to boast of —I am speaking as a fool —I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one —I am talking like a madman — with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the

third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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

TRACT

Psalm 60:1-2, 5

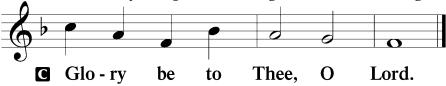
- P O God, You have rejected us, broken our de- | fenses; * You have been angry; oh, re- | store us.
- You have made the land to quake; You have torn it | open; * repair its breaches, for it | totters.

 That Your beloved ones may be de- |livered, * give salvation by Your right hand and | answer us.

Please **STAND**.

HOLY GOSPEL St. Luke 8:4-15

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



At that time, when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], He said in a parable, "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As He said these things, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

And when His disciples asked him what this parable meant, He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the Word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the Word, receive it with joy. But

these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience."





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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.



Text: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Richard Massie (1800-87), alt.

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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. Lord, have mercy.

the prayers conclude:

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

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VOLUNTARY

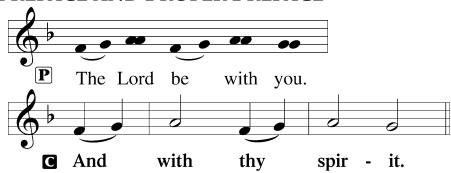
During the voluntary, the Celebrant prepares the Altar for the Supper. You are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Holy Communion. Psalms 34, 42, 84, and 116 are especially suitable.

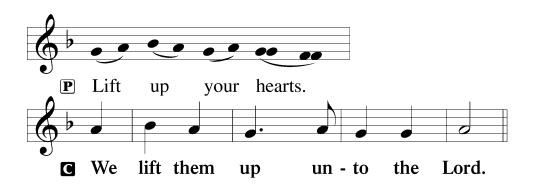
Your offering may be deposited in the plate located near the Baptismal Font when you go to the Altar for Holy Communion.

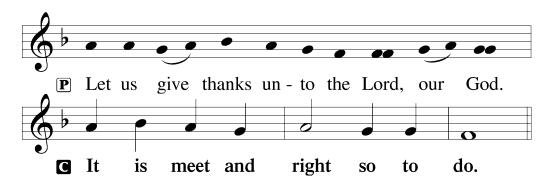
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PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

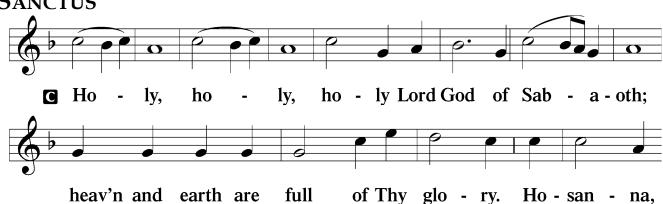






P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:







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

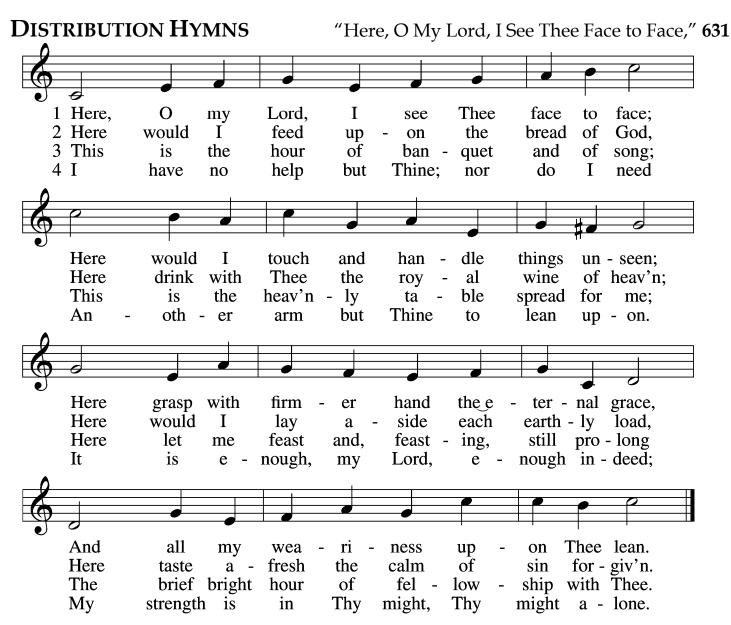
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."



Please **BE SEATED**.

DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD



- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood; Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; The feast, though not the love, is past and gone; The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here; Nearer than ever, still my Shield and Sun.
- 7 Feast after Feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.



Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

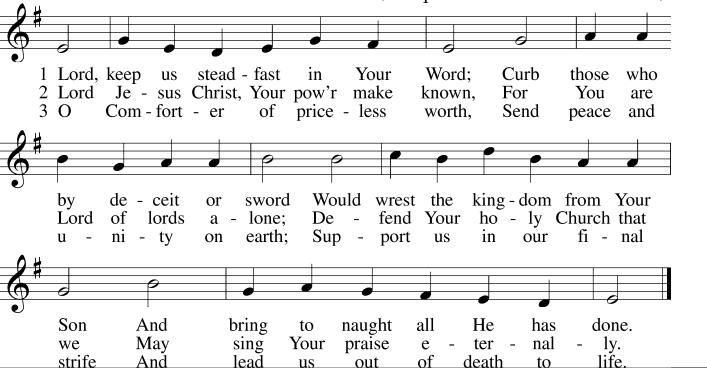
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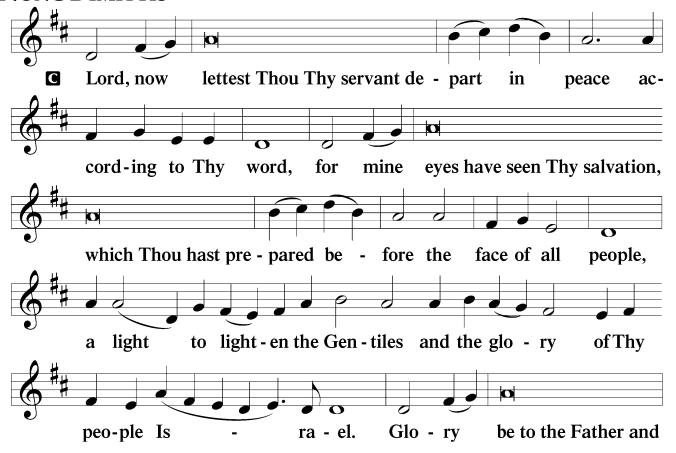
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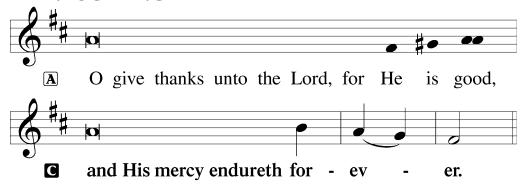
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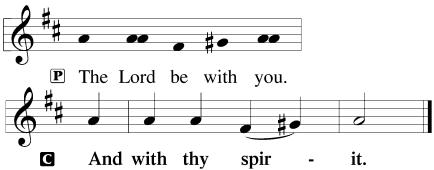


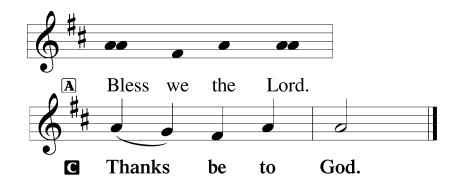
P Let us pray.

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.





"On What Has Now Been Sown," 921



- 1 On what has now been sown Thy bless ing, Lord, be stow;
- 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
- 3 O grant that each of us, Now met be fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou Ac - cept what is Thine own And par-don what is ours. Our prais - May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise! es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless-ing give. low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton (1725-1807), alt. Tune: John Darwall (1731-89)

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Announcements

TODAY IN ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Today begins a new unit, looking at the beginning. We will 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.

BURNING OF THE PALMS

Next Sunday at the start of the education hour, we will gather outdoors to burn last year's palms from Palm Sunday to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Everyone is invited to take part in this rite as we look ahead to Ash Wednesday on February 17.

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
Sunday (1/31)	34	28	\$1305

Serving Today

Celebrant and Preacher	Rev. Ryan Beffrey
Organist	Diane Scott
Floor Elder	Mark MacIntosh
Serving Elder	David Steffens
Acolyte	Jack Cook
Counters	Rod Killips & Laurie Hiscock
Altar Guild	Bev Pipps & Pam Ihle
Flowers	
Serving Next Sunday	
Floor Elder	David Steffens
Serving Elder	Craig Baier
Acolyte	
Counters	Jeremy Baier & Dan Scott
Altar Guild	Shelia Haskill & Melissa Vanarsdal
Flowers	

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

Chris Hoffbeck (2/9), Paul & Diana Puschel (2/9), Kim Harmsen (2/12).

Those celebrating Baptism birthdays this week

Arlee Baier (2/9)

This Week at Epiphany

Today (2/7)	Divine Service - 9:15 AM
	Sunday School – <i>15 minutes after service ends</i> Adult Bible Study – 10:45 AM
Wednesday (2/10)	
Sunday (2/14)	Sunday School – 15 minutes after service ends Adult Bible Study – 10:45 AM

Looking Ahead

2/17 Ash Wednesday

2/21 Council Meeting

3/1 Women's Bible Study

Next Sunday - Quinquagesima Sunday

Faith Alone—Up to Jerusalem

Psalm 44 (antiphon: v. 26)

Old Testament Isaiah 35:3-7

Epistle 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel St. Luke 18:31-43

Chief Hymn "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus," LSB 685