

Judica

The First Sunday in Passiontide

Sunday 21 March Anno Domini 2021



For their sake I consecrate Myself, that they may also be sanctified in truth.

—John 12:24

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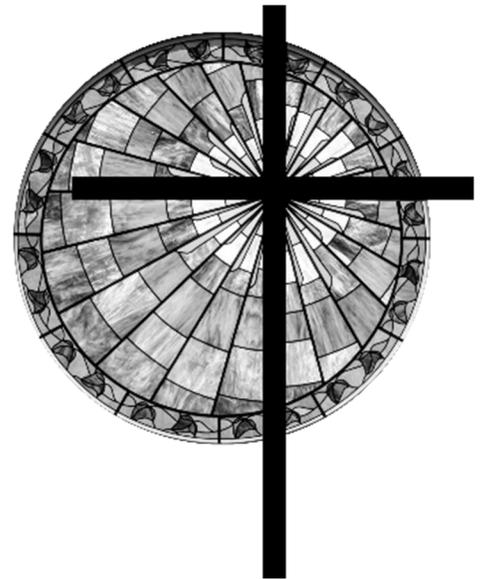
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Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

**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.

What is Passiontide?

The third stage in our journey toward Easter is called *Passiontide*. Passiontide begins with Judica, the Fifth Sunday in Lent and extends through Holy Week and the *Triduum Sacrum* (“three holy days” – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). Today two more changes are made to heighten the liturgy’s penitential tone. First, all crucifixes and other images of Our Lord are veiled, and second, the *Gloria Patri* is omitted until Easter.

Especially concerning veiling crosses, it is often asked, “Why do we drape the crosses as we get closer to Good Friday, as our attention upon the last hours and sufferings of Our Lord increases?”

We do this because we do not deserve to look upon them. We are not worthy of Christ’s sacrifice for us. The cross is our greatest and most cherished symbol. So it is partially taken away from us for a short time so that we appreciate it more when it returns.

However, the crosses and other images are not taken away completely. They are not removed, but are merely covered. We can see the outlines of the cross, but its beauty and details are fuzzy. This symbolizes the reality that our grief prevents us from seeing clearly until Good Friday and Easter. Faith always views the cross in light of the empty tomb.

The veiling also reminds us of Our Lord’s actions in response to the violence of the people in the today’s Gospel, when we are told that “Jesus hid Himself.” That is why the crosses and other images of Christ are veiled this day and not before.

The idea of omitting the *Gloria Patri* is much the same. The Triune Name given at Christ’s Ascension is the fullest revelation of God’s Name given to men. To take away the *Gloria Patri* is a bit jarring, especially in the *Nunc Dimittis*. But again, its short-term omission serves to draw attention to it and highlights our privilege of singing it the other fifty weeks of the year.

At the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service, the Altar will be stripped, the Sanctuary decorations will be removed. All that will be left are the immoveable pieces of furniture, but all laid bare. On Good Friday, while all is bare, even our liturgy takes a somber tone as even the additional chants, such as the Gradual and the Tract, are omitted.

The intensity builds from now until Easter Sunday when we finally arrive at the empty tomb, but not an empty Altar.

All of this is so that we would learn to mortify the flesh and depend more and more upon the grace of God in Christ Jesus. For never, even in our most somber ceremonies, is the Church in doubt about the end. Jesus lives! Easter is coming! Our alleluias, *Gloria Patris*, crosses, and the like shall all return. But better than that, we shall have them forever in heaven when our own resurrections occur!

THE THEME OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Today we consider more deliberately Our Lord's Passion and Death. The crosses are veiled to remind us that Christ hides His power and glory in humility. Our salvation from sin is hidden in His suffering and death. The near-sacrifice of Isaac foreshadows it (*Old Testament*), the High Priest offering the perfect sacrifice (*Epistle*) tells the necessity, and His dispute with the Jews (*Gospel*) tells the beneficiaries of Our Lord's Passion. So we pray "Oh, deliver me" so that we might fully participate in His saving Passion (*Introit*). And we beg the Lord to look mercifully on us so that we are sheltered from that same sort of suffering (*Collect*).

THE PREPARATION

Please **STAND**.

HYMN

"We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died," 429



1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing
3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the
4 It makes the cow - ard spir - it brave And nerves the



died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let
let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -
faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the
fee - ble arm for fight; It takes the ter - ror



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.
on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.
from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;

5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heav'n above.

6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace
By bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race
Forever and forevermore.

Text: Thomas Kelley (1769-1855), sts. 1-5; *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, st. 6

Tune: attr. Daniel Read (1757-1836)

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WINDHAM

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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,

C 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 122:1-2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a



P Vindicate me O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people, *
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! For You are the God in whom I take | refuge.

P Send out Your light and Your truth; let them | lead me; *
let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your | dwelling!

C Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my ex- | ceeding joy, *
and I will praise You with the lyre, O | God, my God.

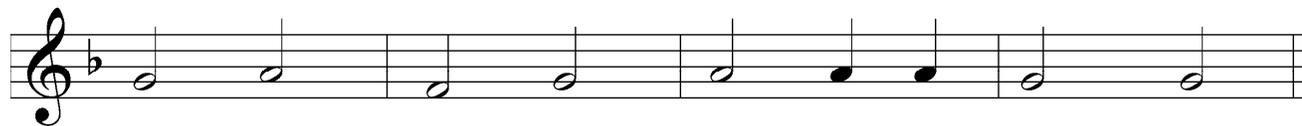
Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil with- | in me? *
Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my Salvation | and my God.

P Vindicate me O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly | people, *
from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! For You are the God in whom I take | refuge.

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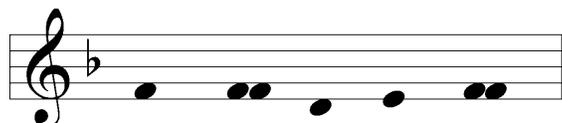


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

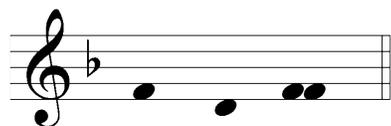
SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY AND SEASON



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

We beseech You, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Your people, that by Your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

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.



C A - men.

Please **BE SEATED**.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1-14

In those days God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me." And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 143:9a, 10a, c



P Deliver me from my enemies, | O Lord! *

Teach me to do Your will, for You | are my God!

C [You] delivered me from my | enemies; *

You rescued me from the man of | violence.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 9:11-15

Brethren: When Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own Blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the

purification of the flesh, how much more will the Blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

TRACT

Psalm 129:1-4



P "Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth" –*
let Israel | now say –

C "Greatly have they afflicted me | from my youth, *
yet they have not prevailed a- | gainst me.

P The plowers plowed up- | on my back; *
they made long their | furrows."

C The Lord is | righteous; *
He has cut the cords of the | wicked.

Please **STAND**.

HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 8:42-59

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said to the Jews: "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of My own accord, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear My Word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? Whoever is of God hears the Words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

The Jews answered Him, "Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. Truly,

truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My Word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, ‘If anyone keeps My Word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His Word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.

Please **BE SEATED**.

CHIEF HYMN

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure,” 743



1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,
 2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,
 3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half
 4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—
 Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:
 He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,
 Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,
 “A priest for - ev - er - more,” An oath God would not break,
 To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;
 His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, “Lord, here am I To do Your will.”
 “A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek.”
 With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.
 That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

5 Then let us now draw near
 Washed in that precious flood
 And enter the Most Holy Place
 By Jesus' Blood.
 From hearts that are sincere,
 Let tongues our hope profess,
 And trust anew God's faithful grace
 That we confess.

△6 All praise to Christ we bring
 Our Lord who intercedes,
 Our great High Priest enthroned above
 Who knows our needs;
 And to the Father sing
 Our songs of thankful praise,
 Who with the Spirit reigns in love
 For endless days.

Text: Stephen P. Starke (b. 1955)

Tune: Hebrew

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SERMON

Please **STAND**.

OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Please **STAND**.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

after each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy, | *or* | **P** ...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

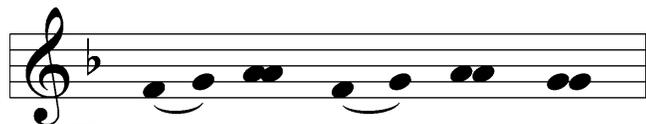
During the voluntary, the Celebrant prepares the Altar for the Supper. You are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Holy Communion. Psalms 34, 42, 84, and 116 are especially suitable.

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

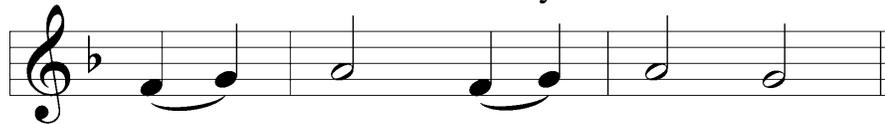
THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



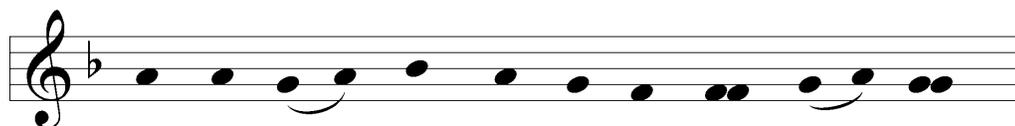
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

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

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



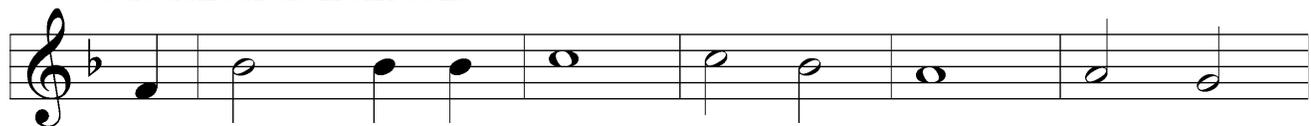
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



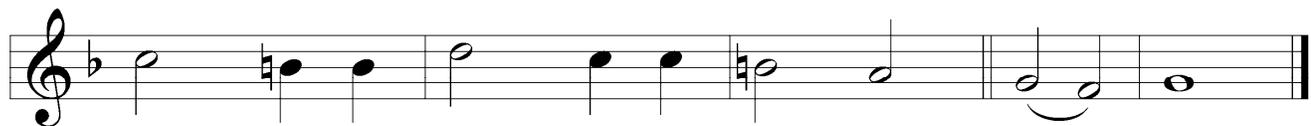
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LORD'S PRAYER

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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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."

PAX DOMINI



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please **BE SEATED.**

DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Lord Jesus, We Give Thanks to Thee,” TLH 173



1 Lord Je - sus, we give thanks to Thee That Thou hast
 2 By vir - tue of Thy wounds we pray, True God and
 3 De - fend us, Lord, from sin and shame; Help us by
 4 And thus the full as - sur - ance gain That Thou to



died to set us free; Made right - eous thro' Thy pre -
 Man, be Thou our Stay, Our Com - fort when we yield
 Thine al - might - y name To bear our cross - es pa -
 us wilt true re - main And not for - sake us in



- cious blood, We now are rec - on - ciled to God.
 our breath, Our Res - cue from e - ter - nal death.
 - tient - ly, Con - soled by Thy great ag - on - y,
 our strife Un - til we en - ter in - to life.

Text: Christoph Fischer (c. 1520-97); tr. August Crull (1845-1923)

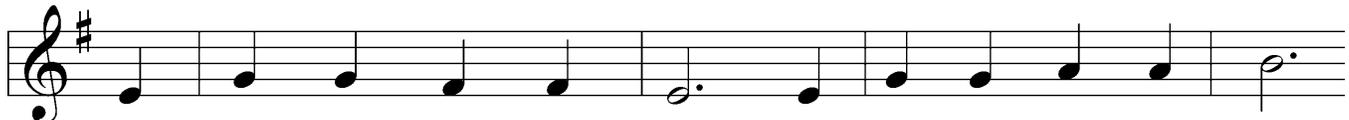
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Tune: *Bergkreyen*, Wittenberg, 1562

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“Not All the Blood of Beasts,” 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
 3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
 5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
 A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
 While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
 When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
 We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

Text: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

SOUTHWELL

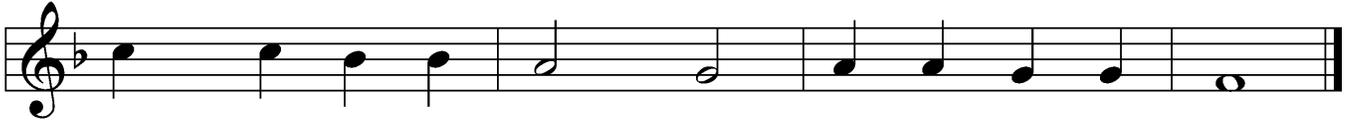
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1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
 Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
 Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
 But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exalting
 Wafts its praise on high,
 Angel hosts rejoicing
 Make their glad reply.

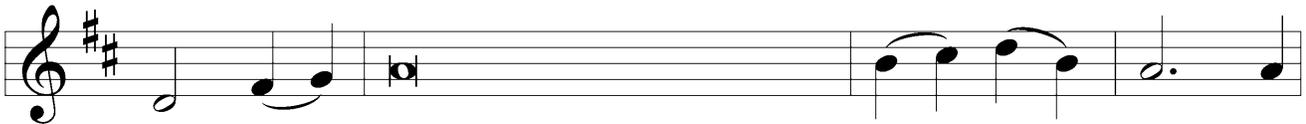
6 Lift we, then, our voices,
 Swell the mighty flood;
 Louder still and louder
 Praise the precious Blood!

Text: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78), alt.
 Tune: Friedrich Flitz (1804-76)
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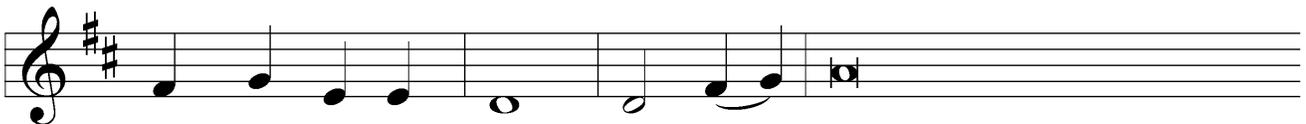
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Please **STAND**.

NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

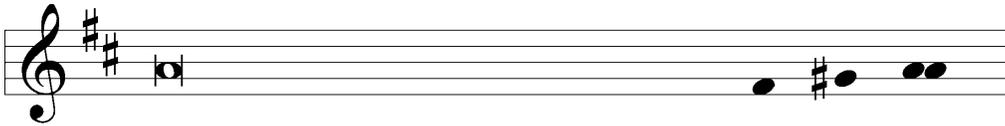


a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

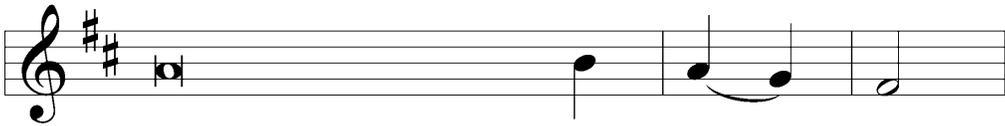


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THANKSGIVING



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

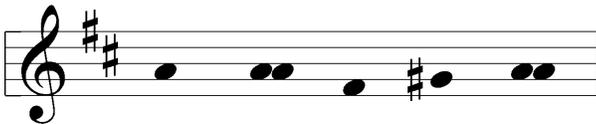
P Let us pray.

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.



C A - men.

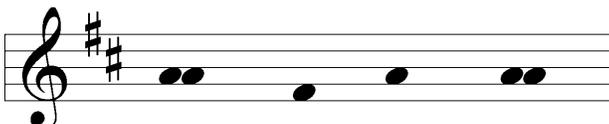
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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

☐ 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.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

“My Song Is Love Unknown,” 430



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then “Cru - ci - fy!” Is all their breath,
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

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Announcements

TODAY IN ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Today in adult Bible Study we begin a new unit, exploring the Christian life. The first question: What is my identity? That is, who am I in Christ, and how does my Christian faith impact how I approach important issues in life?

PASTORAL INSTALLATION AT GRACE, WYOMING

Today at 4:00 PM our mother church, Grace Lutheran in Wyoming, will be installing their next Pastor, the Rev. Zachary W. Marklevitz. A dinner will be held following the service.

PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

Lent is the traditional time when the Church prays for youths and adults who are being instructed in the Christian faith so they may receive Holy Baptism or Communion. This year's catechumens are Titus Baier and Jack Cook. Pray that the Holy Spirit enlighten their hearts and minds, and that they remain diligent in their faith and worship.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR NEEDED

West Michigan Lutheran High School is searching for an individual with a coaching background to serve as their Athletic Director. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the school office at (616) 455-2200 or email Kristine Angers at kangers@wmlhs.org.

WEST MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SPRING PLAY

Come join us to watch the WML drama production of *Everything I Needed to Learn I Learned in Kindergarten!* Due to Covid-19, West Michigan Lutheran's drama production has been filmed and will be available online for viewing. A virtual watch party will be Saturday March 27th from 7:00pm until 10:00pm with a cost of \$10 per household. To gain access to the link, pay the ticket cost to the WML office and supply your email address and contact information. A link will be sent just before 7:00pm on the 27th. For questions call (616)455-2200 or email office@wmlhs.org.

WMLHS ENROLLING FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

West Michigan Lutheran High School is now enrolling for the 2021-22 school year. An affordable, exemplary Christ-centered education is within your reach! Contact the WML office at (616) 455-2200 or email office@wmlhs.org to get the simple and easy enrollment paperwork. WML looks forward to educating your child!

<u>STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Communicants</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
Wednesday (3/10)	14	12	\$2345.00
Sunday (3/14)	40	34	

Serving Today

Celebrant Rev. Ryan Beffrey
 Floor Elder Craig Baier
 Serving Elder Paul Cook
 Acolyte Jack Cook
 Counters Sandra Hoffbeck & Kim Harmsen
 Altar Guild Becky Steffens & Cindy MacIntosh

Serving Next Sunday

Floor Elder Paul Cook
 Serving Elder Mark MacIntosh
 Acolyte Titus Baier
 Counters Philip Maass & Pam Ihle
 Altar Guild Teresa Fulk & Jen Moushegian

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, Jessie Graham.

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

Sue Sears (3/23), Hannah Crouch (3/25), Curtis Ihle (3/25), *Joe & Sheri Fredricks (3/26)*, Hannah Kern (3/26)

Those celebrating Baptism birthdays this week

Charlotte Hiscock (3/21), Mike Gilbert (3/25)

This Week at Epiphany

Today (3/21).....Divine Service - 9:15 AM
Sunday School - 15 minutes after service ends
Adult Bible Study - 10:45 AM

Wednesday (3/24)..... Divine Service - 7:00 PM

Thursday (3/25).....Confirmation - 4:30 PM

Sunday (3/28)Divine Service - 9:15 AM
Sunday School - 15 minutes after service ends
Adult Bible Study - 10:45 AM
Voters' Meeting - 12:00 PM

Looking Ahead

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 - Palmarum, the Second Sunday of Passiontide

The Man of Sorrows

Psalm 22 (antiphon: v. 25)
Old Testament Zechariah 9:9-12
Epistle Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel St. Matthew Passion (Matthew 26:1 - 27:66)
Chief Hymn "Christ, the Life of All the Living," LSB 420