

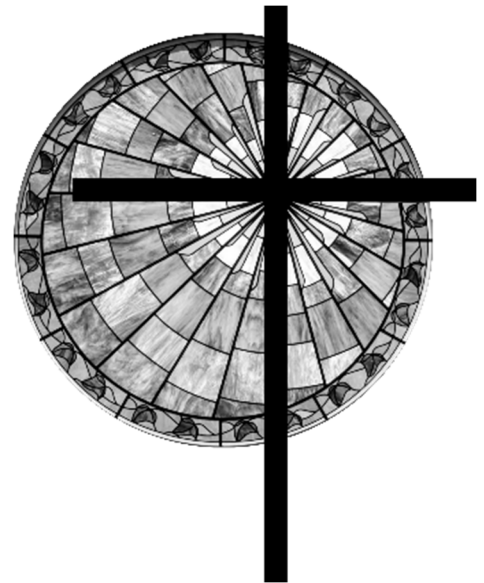


# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 PREPARATION

Please **STAND**.

## OPENING HYMN

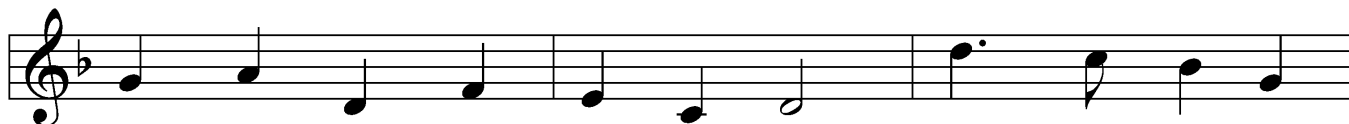
“Up through Endless Ranks of Angels,” 491



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph  
2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual  
3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it,  
△ 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,  
to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther  
prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure  
Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -  
As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our  
With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as  
Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,



on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.  
world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!  
You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.  
al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

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ASCENDED TRIUMPH

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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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

Please **STAND**.

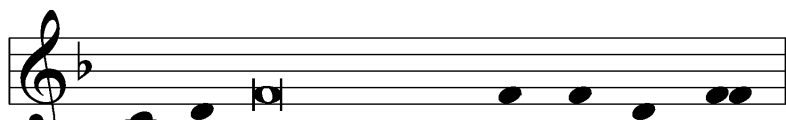
### INTROIT

*Psalm 47:1-2, 5-8; antiphon: Acts 1:11*



- P** Men of | Galilee, \*  
 why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- | luia!  
 This Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven \*  
 will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven. Alle- | luia!
- P** Clap your hands, all | peoples! \*  
 Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!
- C** For the Lord, the Most High, is | to be feared \*  
 a great king over | all the earth.
- P** God has gone up | with a shout, \*  
 the Lord with the sound of the | trumpet.
- C** God reigns over the | nations; \*  
 God sits on His | holy throne.
- C** 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** Men of | Galilee, \*  
 why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- | luia!  
 This Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven \*  
 will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven. Alle- | luia!

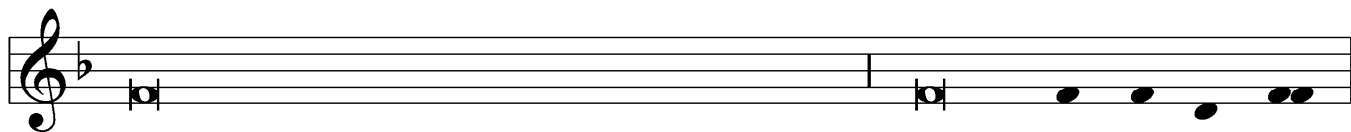
# KYRIE



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



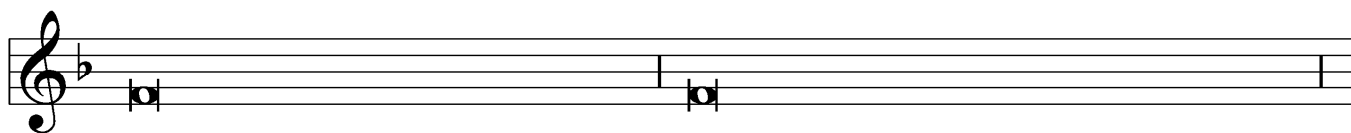
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



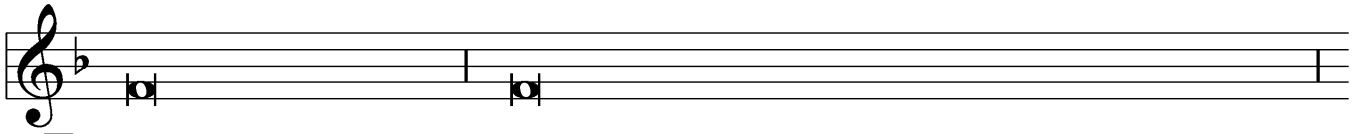
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



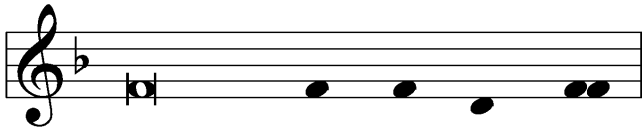
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



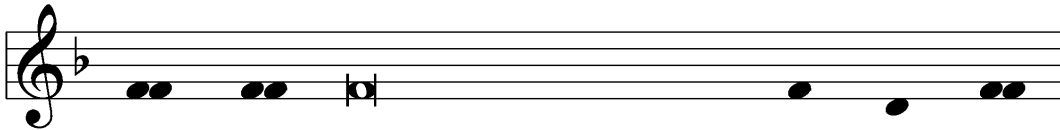
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



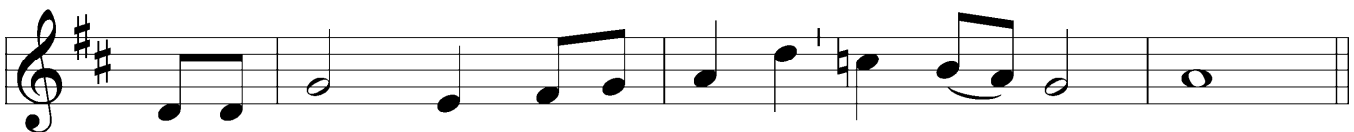
**C** A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE - WORTHY IS CHRIST

*Refrain*



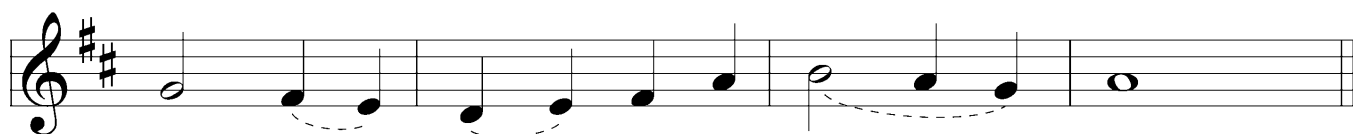
**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



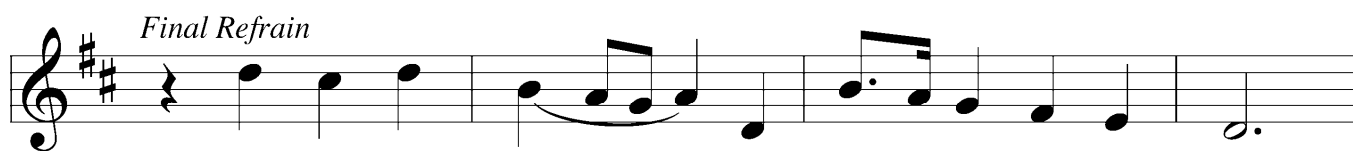
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

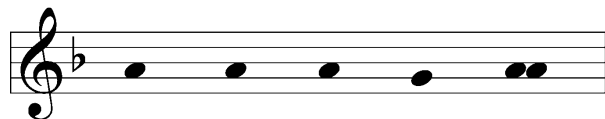


*Final Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that as we believe Your only-begotten Son, Our Redeemer, to have ascended into the heavens, so may we also in heart and mind continually dwell with Him; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please **BE SEATED**.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*2 Kings 2:1-15*

In those days, when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.

The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.



Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA

*Psalm 47:5; 68:18a*



**P** Alle- | luia, \*

alle- | luia!

God has gone up | with a shout, \*

the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Alle- | luia!

**C** Alle- | luia, \*

alle- | luia!

You ascend- | ed on high, \*

leading a host of captives in Your train. Alle- | luia!

## EPISTLE READING

*Acts 1:1-11*

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "you heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Please **STAND**.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

St. Mark 16:14-20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

At that time Jesus appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and He rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is Baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*The Paschal Candle, which has been lit for every service since Easter, is extinguished after the Gospel Reading, a visible sign that Christ, who appeared among His disciples for the forty days after His resurrection, is no longer visibly present among them.*

# CHIEF HYMN

"See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph," TLH 218



1 See, the Lord as - cends in tri - umph; Con - qu'ring King in  
 2 Who is this that comes in glo - ry With the trump of  
 3 While He lifts His hands in bless - ing, He is part - ed  
 4 Now our heav'n - ly Aar - on en - ters With His blood with -



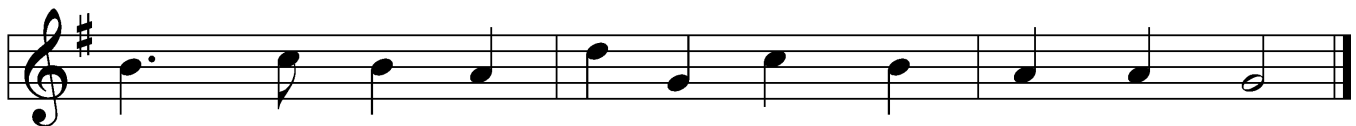
roy - al state, Rid - ing on the clouds, His char - iot, To His  
 ju - bi - lee? Lord of bat - tles, God of ar - mies, He has  
 from His friends; While their ea - ger eyes be - hold Him, He up -  
 in the veil; Josh - ua now is come to Ca - naan, And the



heav'n - ly pal - ace gate. Hark! The choirs of an - gel voic - es  
 gained the vic - to - ry. He who on the cross did suf - fer,  
 on the clouds as - cends. He who walked with God and pleased Him,  
 kings be - fore Him quail. Now He plants the tribes of Is - rael



Joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing, And the por - tals  
 He who from the grave a - rose, He has van - quished  
 Preach - ing truth and doom to come, He, our E - noch,  
 In their prom - ised rest - ing place; Now our great E -



high are lift - ed To re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.  
 sin and Sa - tan; He by death has crushed His foes.  
 is trans - lat - ed To His ev - er - last - ing home.  
 li - jah of - fers Dou - ble por - tion of His grace.

5 He has raised our human nature  
 On the clouds to God's right hand;  
 There we sit in heav'nly places,  
 There with Him in glory stand.  
 Jesus reigns, adored by angels;  
 Man with God is on the throne.  
 By our mighty Lord's ascension  
 We by faith behold our own.

△6 Glory be to God the Father;  
 Glory be to God the Son,  
 Dying, risen, ascending for us,  
 Who the heav'nly realm has won;  
 Glory to the Holy Spirit!  
 To One God in Persons Three  
 Glory both in earth and heav'n,  
 Glory, endless glory, be!

## SERMON

*Please STAND.*

## 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## 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.

Please **BE SEATED**.

## 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

Please **STAND**.


## PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE



**P** The Lord be with you.



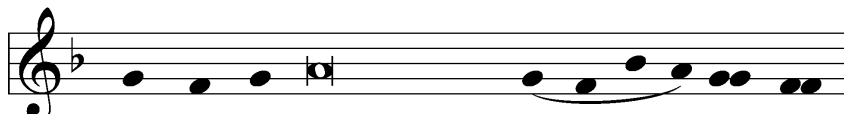
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



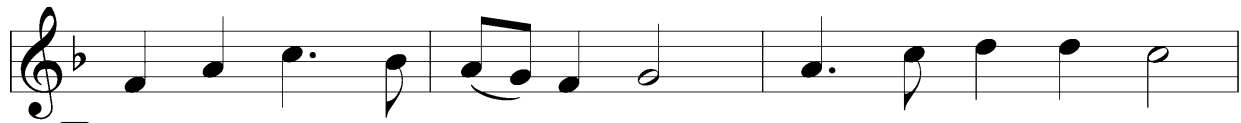
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

## SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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."

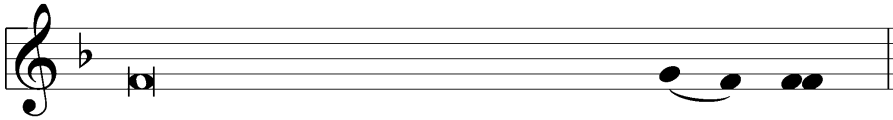
## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.  
**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

## LORD'S PRAYER

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** 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.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## PAX DOMINI



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



- C** A - men.

# AGNUS DEI

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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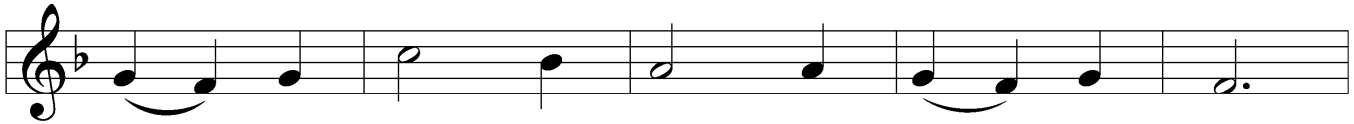
## DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!," 821

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of  
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the

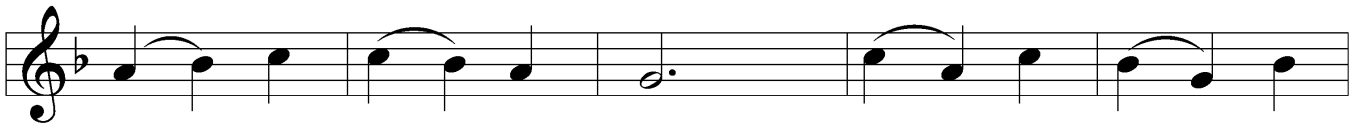




tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.  
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.  
 tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the  
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -  
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in  
 Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of  
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both  
 like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."  
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

Text: William C. Dix (1837-98), alt.

Tune: Rowland H. Prichard (1811-87)

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"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing," 493



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
 4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,  
 to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers  
 al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they  
 al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of  
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -  
 say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph  
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
 And be our future great reward.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Then, throned with You forever, we  
 Shall praise Your name eternally.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

D 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
 All praise to You let earth accord:  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 You are, while endless ages run,  
 With Father and with Spirit one.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Bede (673-735); tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978, alt.  
 Tune: *Geistliche Kirchengesang*, Köln, 1623  
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“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build,” 492

1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -  
 2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -  
 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -

cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and  
 tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er  
 cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for

ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I  
 rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There  
 my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let

know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.  
 all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
 me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

Text: Josua Wegelin (1604-40); tr. William M. Czamanske (1873-1964), alt.  
 Tune: *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524  
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Please **STAND**.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – THANK THE LORD



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

## BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

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

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

# CLOSING HYMN

## "Crown Him with Many Crowns," 545



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
 Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges (1800-94), sts. 1-3, 5, alt; Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), st. 4.

Tune: George J. Elvey (1816-93)

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# Announcements

## GUEST PREACHER AND PRESENTER TODAY

Today we welcome the Rev. David Mommens and Mr. Matt Doctor as they visit Epiphany as part of the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society's *Save Our Seminary* event to raise awareness and funds for Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibersk, Russia. Please welcome them to Epiphany and join us from Mr. Doctor's presentation during the Bible Study hour!

## VOTERS' MEETING TODAY

Following the special presentation we will have our bimonthly Voters' Meeting. One important piece of business is approving the work for replacing the flat roof where the HVAC units sit. There will also be an update on the HVAC replacement project. Please plan to attend so you can be a part of making this important decision.

## CONFIRMATION IS NEXT SUNDAY

Please remember our Confirmands, Titus Baier and Jack Cook, in your prayers, as next Sunday is Confirmation. We pray that the Holy Spirit would guide them as they make this confession of the Faith and implore His blessing on their spiritual growth throughout their lives!

## OPENING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

West Michigan Lutheran High School is seeking to fill an administrative assistant position. The candidate needs to have good communication skills, computer proficiency (especially in Excel/Google Sheets) and QuickBooks experience. Please contact Kristine Angers for more information at [kangers@wmlhs.org](mailto:kangers@wmlhs.org) or (616) 455-2200.

## MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHER NEEDED

West Michigan Lutheran High School is searching for full-time, certified mathematics and science teacher who also has IT capabilities. If you fit this description or know someone who does, please contact the school office at (616) 455-2200 or email Principal Kristine Angers at [kangers@wmlhs.org](mailto:kangers@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](mailto:office@wmlhs.org) to get the simple and easy enrollment paperwork. WML looks forward to educating your child!

<b>STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK</b>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Communicants</i>	<i>Offerings</i>
Sunday (5/9)	42	35	\$1,222.00

# Serving Today

Celebrant..... Rev. Ryan Beffrey  
Preacher ..... Rev. David Mommens  
Organist..... Diane Scott  
Floor Elder ..... Craig Baier  
Serving Elder ..... Paul Cook  
Acolyte ..... Wyatt Harmsen  
Counters..... Sandra Hoffbeck & Kim Harmsen  
Altar Guild..... Becky Steffens & Cindy MacIntosh  
Flowers ..... Ihle Family - Curtis Baptism

## **Serving Next Sunday**

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Floor Elder ..... Paul Cook  
Serving Elder ..... Mark MacIntosh  
Acolyte ..... Zeke 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, Vern Bellgraph.

## **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, Joel Baugh, Jim Duryee.

## **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**

Ethan Killips (5/17), *Ken & Diane Zyk* (5/18), Ezekiel Baier (5/21), Dave Stien (5/21), Dietrich Steffens (5/22).

Those celebrating Baptism birthdays this week

Curtis Ihle (5/16/99).

## **This Week at Epiphany**

Today (5/16) ..... **Divine Service- 9:15 AM**  
Sunday School - *15 minutes after service ends*  
Bible Study - *15 minutes after service ends*  
Voters' Meeting - 12:00 PM

Wednesday (5/19) ..... Confirmation - 5:30 PM

Friday (5/21) ..... Quilters - 9:00 AM

Sunday (5/23) ..... **Divine Service; Confirmation Sunday- 9:15 AM**

## **Looking Ahead**

6/27 Council Meeting  
7/4 Independence Day

## **Next Sunday - The Feast of Pentecost**

Psalm 68 (antiphon: v. 26)  
Old Testament Genesis 11:1-9  
Epistle Acts 2:1-21  
Gospel St. John 14:23-31  
Chief Hymn "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord," LSB 497