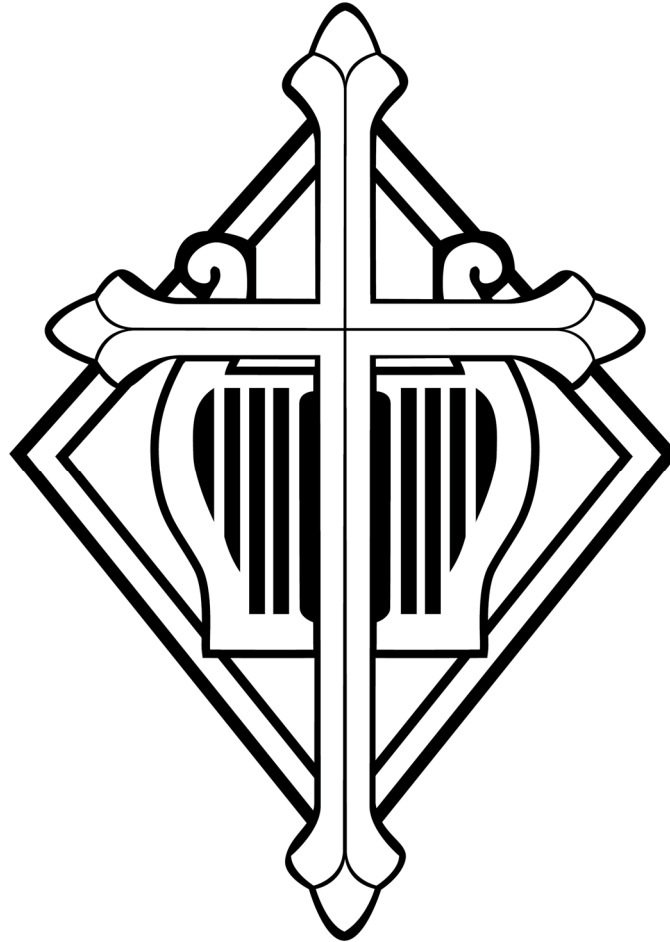


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The Fourth Sunday after Easter

✠ 2 May Anno Domini 2021 ✠



Oh, sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

—Psalm 98:1

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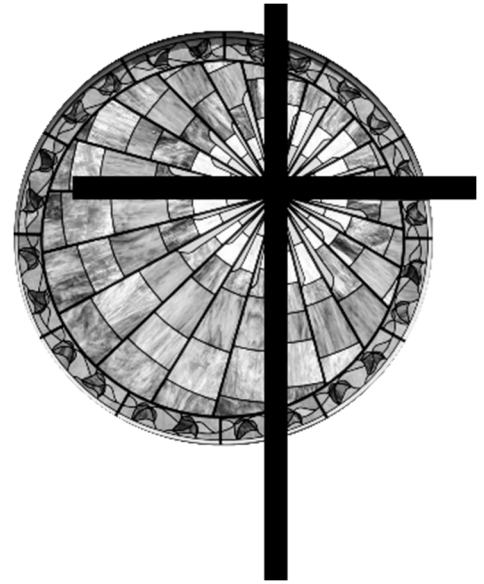
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Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

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

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

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

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



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

THE THEME OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Today we get to sing to the Lord the "new song" born from the marvelous things and the salvation Our Lord openly shows (*Introit*). This salvation is the Holy Spirit who is the "good and perfect gift from above" (*Epistle*). The Spirit's salvation is to guide us into all truth (*Gospel*). And this is the Truth we get to sing: "though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away and You comfort me" (*Old Testament*). For God's right hand has gained us the victory (*Alleluia*).

THE PREPARATION

Please **STAND**.

OPENING HYMN

"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good," 819



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, Give God the praise and



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,
glo - ry. Let all who know His pow'r pro - claim



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom
And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's
A - loud the won - drous sto - ry. Cast ev - 'ry i - dol



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
of His might All things are just and good and right:
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:
from its throne, For God is God, and He a - lone:



To God all praise and glo - ry!
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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 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: Psalm 98:1a, 2b



P Sing to the Lord a new song, alle- | luia! *

For He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alle- | luia!

P His right hand and His | holy arm *
 have worked salva- | tion for Him.

C He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel. *

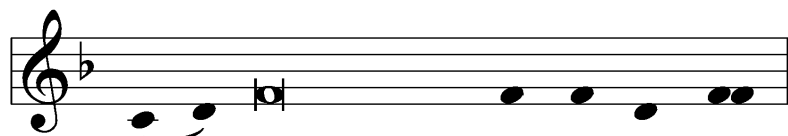
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

P Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth; *
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

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 Sing to the Lord a new song, alle- | luia! *
For He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alle- | luia!

KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



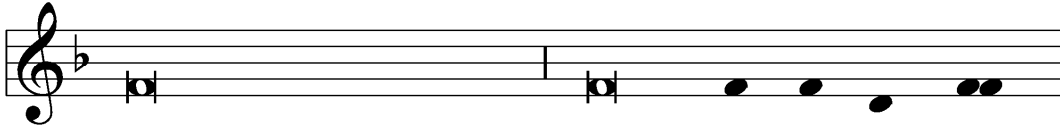
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



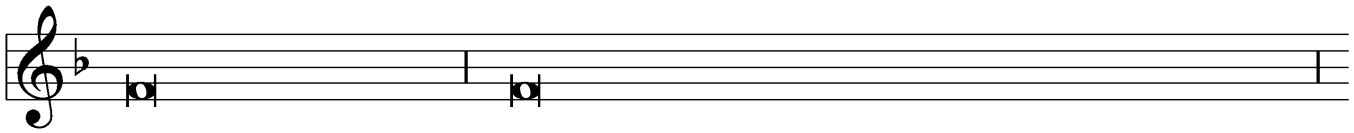
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



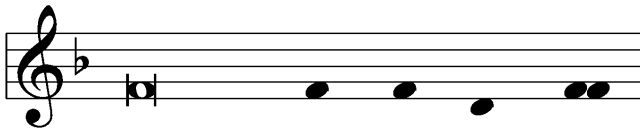
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



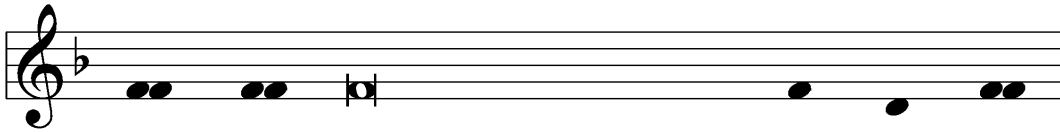
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

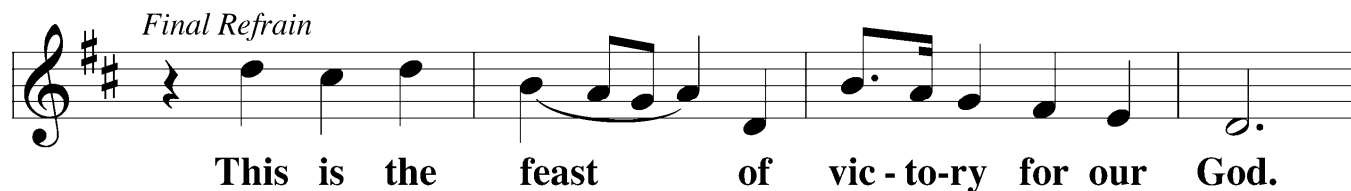
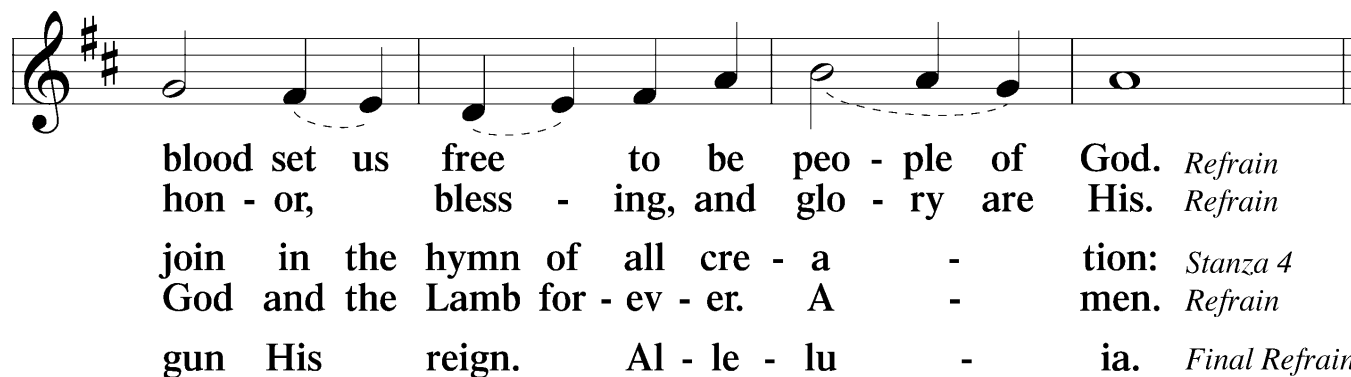
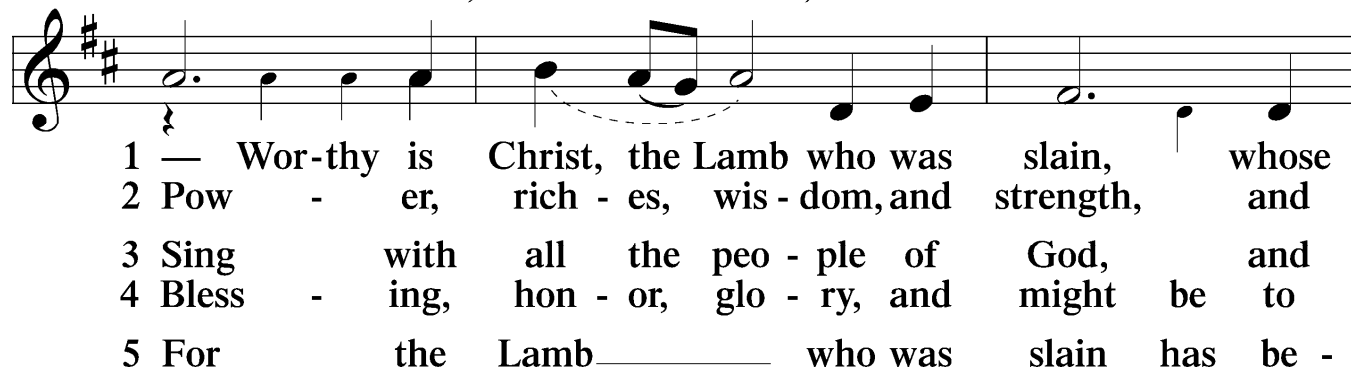
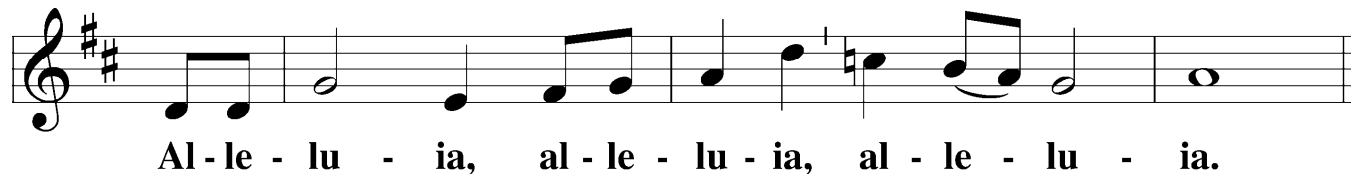
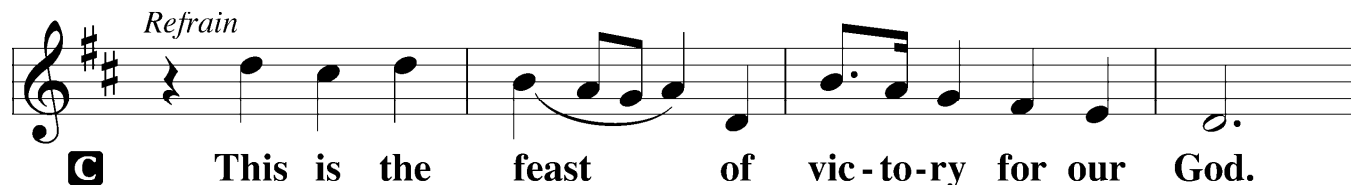


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

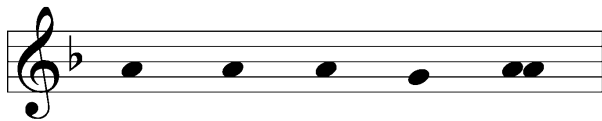


C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE - WORTHY IS CHRIST



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, who makes the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant to Your people that they may love what You command and desire what You promise, that among the manifold changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

Isaiah 12:1-6

In those days Isaiah said: "You will say in that day: 'I will give thanks to You, O LORD, for though You were angry with me, Your anger turned away, that You might comfort me.

'Behold, God is my Salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my Strength and my Song, and He has become my Salvation.'

"With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: 'Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted.

'Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Psalm 118:16; Romans 6:9



P Alle- | luia, *

alle- | luia!

The right hand of the Lord is ex- | alted, *

the right hand of the Lord does valiantly. Alle- | luia!

C Alle- | luia, *

alle- | luia!

Christ, having been raised from the dead, | dies no more; *

death no longer has dominion over Him. Alle- | luia!

EPISTLE READING

James 1:16-21

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of His own will He brought us forth by the Word of Truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted Word, which is able to save your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

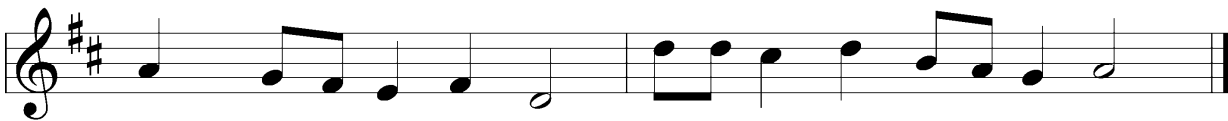
Please **STAND**.

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. John 16:5-15

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said to the disciples: "I am going to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on his own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.



CHIEF HYMN

"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice," 556



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood - ed dark - ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

5 God said to His beloved Son:

"It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel, of My crown,
And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with You forever."

7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me,

I am your Rock and Castle.
Your Ransom I Myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine,
And where I may remain;
The foe shall not divide us.

6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,

Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
A servant's form, like mine, He wore
To lead the devil captive.

8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,

Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.

9 “Now to My Father I depart,
From earth to heav’n ascending,
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart,
The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you
And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.

10 “What I on earth have done and taught
Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy
The heav’nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you.

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

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SERMON

Please **STAND**.

NICENE CREED

G 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.

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

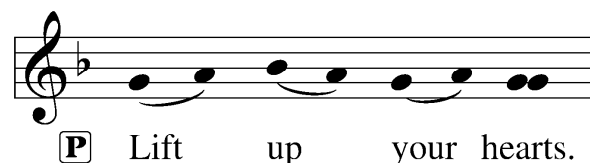
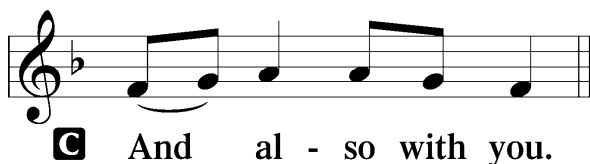
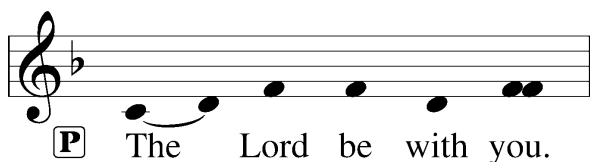
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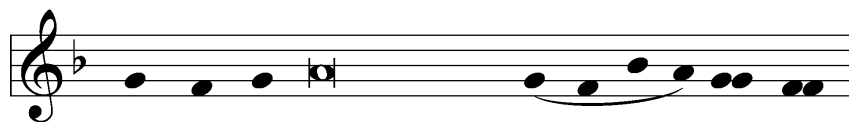
Your offering may be deposited in the plate located near the Baptismal Font when you go to the Altar for Holy Communion.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Please **STAND**.

PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE





P 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.

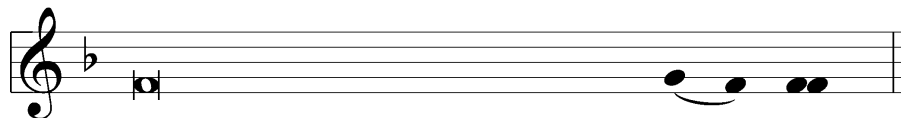
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Please **BE SEATED.**

DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing," 633



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the flight,
 You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise
 And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!

△8 Father, whom the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

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"I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives," 468



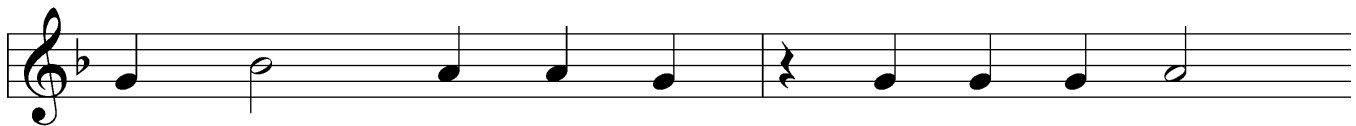
1 I am con - tent! My Je - sus ev - er lives, In whom my
 2 I am con - tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber
 3 I am con - tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant
 4 I am con - tent! At length I shall be free, A - wak - ened



heart is pleased. He has ful - filled the Law of God for me,
 I shall be. He bowed His head when on the cross He died
 sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless - ings forth for all,
 from the dead, A - ris - ing glo - rious ev - er - more to be



God's wrath He has ap - peased. Since He in death
 With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is brought
 Sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter sun
 With You, my liv - ing head. The chains that hold



could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall
 in - to sub - jec - tion For me by Je -
 has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last -
 my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul



not die for - ev - er. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!
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 ing ex - ul - ta - tion. I am con - tent! I am con - tent!
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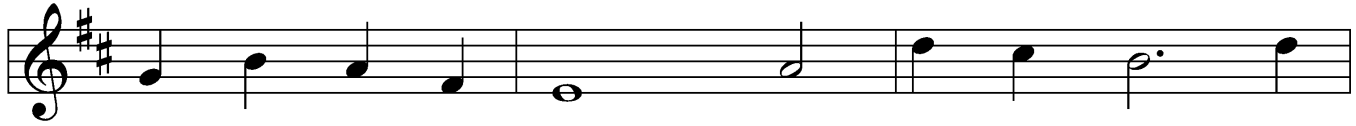
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"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright," 874



1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, O Thou that
 2 Come, ver - y Sun of truth and love; Pour down Thy
 3 With prayer the Fa - ther we im - plore: O Fa - ther,
 4 To guide what-e'er we no - bly do, With love all



bring-est light from light, O Light of Light, light's
 ra - diance from a - bove And shed the Ho - ly
 glo - rious ev - er - more, We plead with Thee for
 en - vy to sub - due, To give us grace our



liv - ing spring, O Day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
 Spir - it's ray On all we think or do or say.
 grace and pow'r To con - quer in temp - ta - tion's hour,
 wrongs to bear, To make ill for - tune turn to fair.



Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Ambrose of Milan (340-397); tr. Robert S. Bridges (1844-1930), sts. 1, 3-4, 6, alt;
 tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1904, sts. 2, 5, alt.

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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 - joice 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.



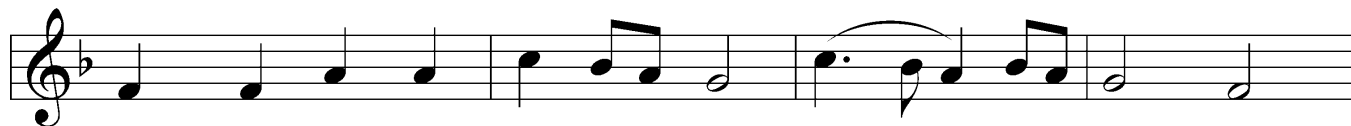
C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia," 463



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wippo of Burgundy (d. c. 1050); tr. Jane E. Leeson (1809-81), alt.

Tune: Robert Williams (c. 1781-1821)

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Announcements

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tomorrow night will be the next class for the women's Bible Study, which is unpacking the Book of James (especially appropriate since this Easter Season gives us a few Epistle Readings from that Book!). We will meet at 7:00 PM in the church.

CALLS ANNOUNCED

On Tuesday night, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN issued Divine Calls to those students who are ready to begin their work in the Office of the Holy Ministry. Three men connected to Epiphany received Calls. Please pray for them as well as the congregations they will be serving!

Zachariah Burgdorf (Summer Vicar, 2018) – First Lutheran Church, Ely, MN and Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Babbitt MN. Minnesota North District.

Timothy Kern (husband of Hanna Hoffbeck) – Our Savior Lutheran Church, Marlette, MI. Michigan District.

Timothy Schmeisser (husband of Chelsie MacIntosh) – Grace Lutheran Church, Sebeka, MN; Nimrod Lutheran Church, Nimrod, MN; and Zion Lutheran Church, North Germany, MN. Minnesota North District.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD MISSION FESTIVAL – SAVE OUR SEMINARY EVENT

On **Sunday, May 16**, many LCMS congregations in the Grand Rapids area are celebrating an Ascension of Our Lord mission festival. The day begins with a festive Divine Service at each church plus a guest presenter from the *Siberian Lutheran Mission Society* who will talk about the effort to save the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia.

The presentation promises to be an engaging description of the rebuilding of the Lutheran Church in Russia following the destruction of the Church under the communist Soviet Union. It will highlight the establishment of a Russian Lutheran Seminary, the training of new pastors to replace those killed and exiled by the atheist Marxist government, and the robust evangelism and thorough catechetical efforts of the young Russian Lutherans in the post-Soviet era. The presentation will also describe alarming parallels between how the communist revolution systematically destroyed the Russian political, social, economic, moral, and religious culture replacing it with the “messianic” soviet socialism and similar efforts to destroy American culture today.

A SUNDAY AFTERNOON WITH LUTHERANS

The mission festival continues Sunday, May 16. Members from the congregations will come together for an afternoon outdoor party at the Herman's Boy Coffee Ranch in Rockford. The theme of the party is inspired by French painter Georges Seurat's famous painting *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte*. When Seurat began the painting in 1884, the island was a bucolic retreat far from the urban center. Our event

will take place in the beautiful property behind the barn museum on the Herman’s Boy specialty coffee roasting establishment. This location, on the bucolic Herman’s Boy farmstead, is reminiscent of the Seurat’s painting; however, the participants will consist of adults enjoying an afternoon with friends, fellow Lutherans, live swing band and complimentary food and beverage, including beer and wine. *Please bring a lawn chair for seating.*

Please RSVP to attend the outdoor party. *RSVPs must be made by Wednesday.* To register call 616-866-1818 giving your full name and the number of people attending or go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/save-the-seminary-event-tickets-151216280967>.

WMLHS RUMMAGE SALE

One man’s junk is another man’s treasure! Come check out the WML Boosters’ garage sale on **May 5, 6, and 7** from **9 am to 3 pm**. The sale will be at: 2121 Pleasant Pond Drive SW, Byron Center, MI 49315. *All proceeds will benefit the WML Boosters supporting all extracurriculars for students.*

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.

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!

STEWARDSHIP LAST WEEK	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Communicants</i>	<i>Offerings</i>
Sunday (4/25)	46	36	\$1827.00

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 & Kim Harmsen
Altar Guild..... Bev PIPps & Pam Ihle

Serving Next Sunday

Floor Elder David Steffens
Serving Elder Craig Baier
Acolyte Titus Baier
Counters..... Jeremy Baier & Dan Scott
Altar Guild..... Sheila Haskill & Melissa Vanarsdal

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, Natalie Hansen, 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.

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

Craig Baier (5/5), Laurie Hiscock (5/8).

Those celebrating Baptism birthdays this week

Craig Baier (5/5), Laurie Hiscock (5/8).

This Week at Epiphany

Today (5/2) **Divine Service- 9:15 AM**
Sunday School – 15 minutes after service ends
Bible Study – 15 minutes after service ends.

Monday (5/3) Women's Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Wednesday (5/5) Confirmation Class – 4:30 PM

Sunday (5/9) **Divine Service- 9:15 AM**
Sunday School – 15 minutes after service ends
Bible Study – 15 minutes after service ends.

Looking Ahead

5/12 Food Truck
5/12-15 Sewing Retreat
5/16 Voters' Meeting
5/23 Confirmation Sunday

Next Sunday – Rogate, the Fifth Sunday after Easter

The Praying Church

Psalm 66 (antiphon: v. 7)
Old Testament Numbers 21:4-9
Epistle James 1:22-27
Gospel St. John 16:23-33
Chief Hymn "Our Father, Who From Heaven Above," LSB 766