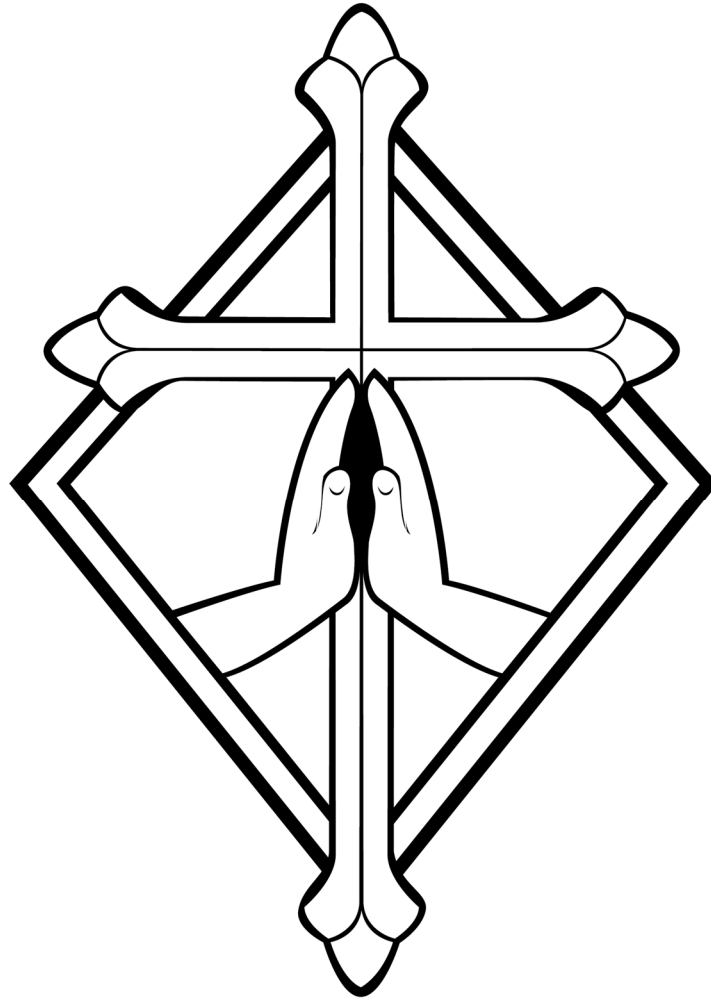


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The Fifth Sunday after Easter

✠ 9 May Anno Domini 2021 ✠



I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.

—John 12:32

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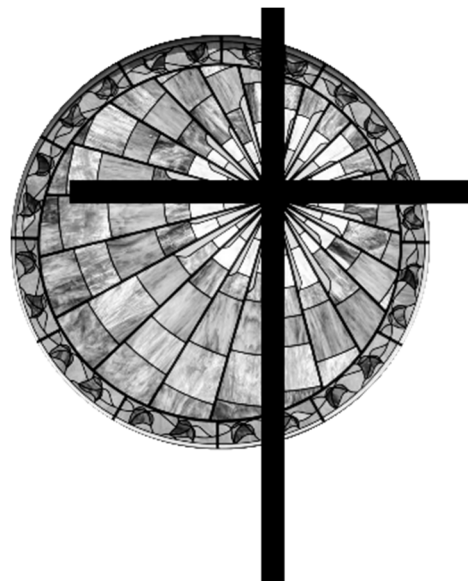
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Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

**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

Prayer begins with listening to Our Lord and His Word. So we hear that "the Lord has redeemed His people" (*Introit*). We take to heart that "Christ has redeemed us with His Blood" (*Alleluia*). We confess that He is the God "from whom all good things come" (*Collect*). Then we "make a joyful noise to God" and pray for His merciful guidance to live in the righteousness He gives. In this way prayer makes us "doers of the Word and not hearers only" (*Epistle*). To this faithful doing Our Lord attaches His wonderful promise: "Whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give it to you; and you shall receive, and your joy shall be full" (*Gospel*).

THE PREPARATION

Please **STAND**.

OPENING HYMN

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain," 487



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri-um-phant glad-ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to-day: Christ has burst His pris-on
3 Now the queen of sea-sons, bright With the day of splen-dor,
4 For to-day a-mong His own Christ ap-peared, be-stow-ing
5 Al-le-lu-ia! Now we cry To our King im-mor-tal,



God has brought His Is-ra-el In-to joy from sad-ness,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris-en;
With the roy-al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren-der;
His deep peace, which ev-er-more Pass-es hu-man know-ing.
Who, tri-um-phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por-tal.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit-ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters,
All the win-ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly-ing
Comes to glad-den faith-ful hearts Which with true af-fec-tion
Nei-ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por-tal
Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri-um-phant glad-ness!



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa-ters.
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un-dy-ing.
Wel-come in un-wea-ried strain Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion!
Nor the watch-ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor-tal.
God has brought His Is-ra-el In-to joy from sad-ness!

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 66:1-2a, 17, 19-20; antiphon: Isaiah 48:20b



P [With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle-
luia! *

The Lord has redeemed His servant Jacob! Alle- | luia!

P Shout for joy to God, | all the earth; *
sing the glory | of His name.

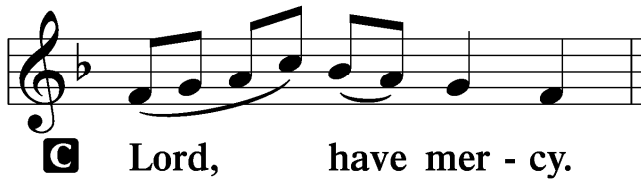
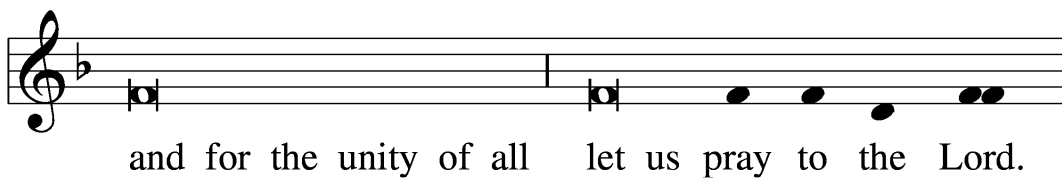
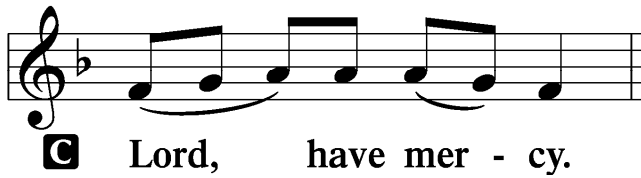
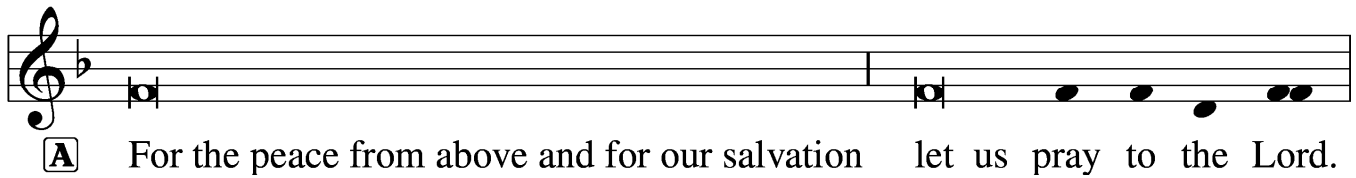
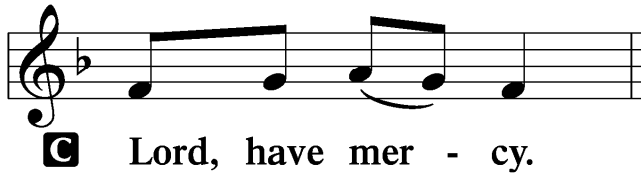
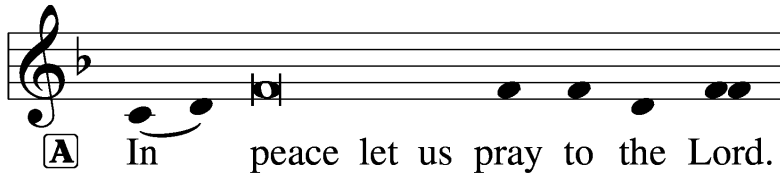
C I cried to Him | with my mouth, *
and high praise was | on my tongue.

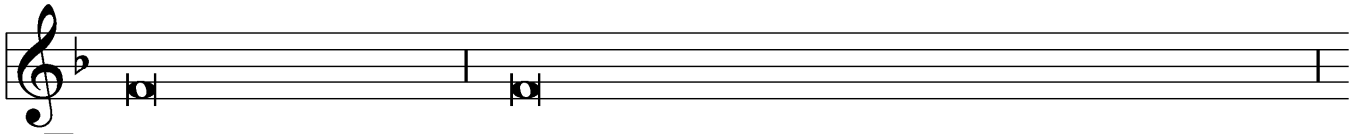
P But truly God has | listened; *
He has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

C Blessed | be God, *
because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast | love from me!

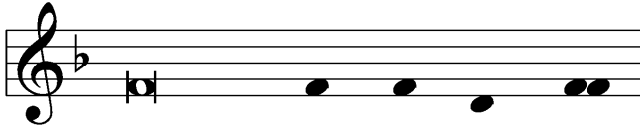
C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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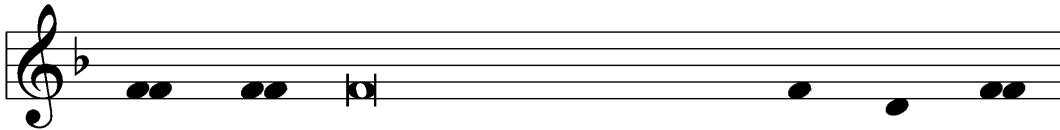
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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

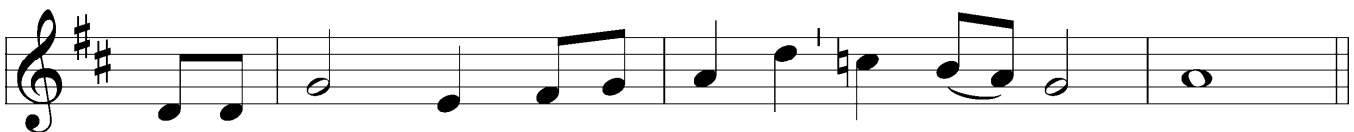


C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE – WORTHY IS CHRIST



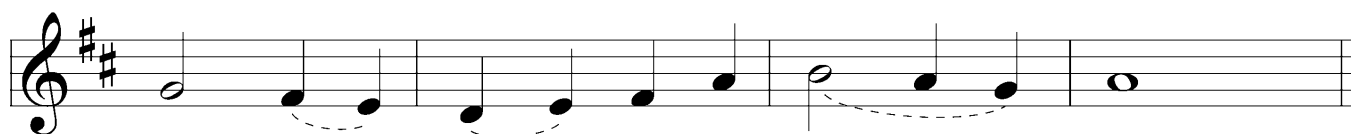
C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



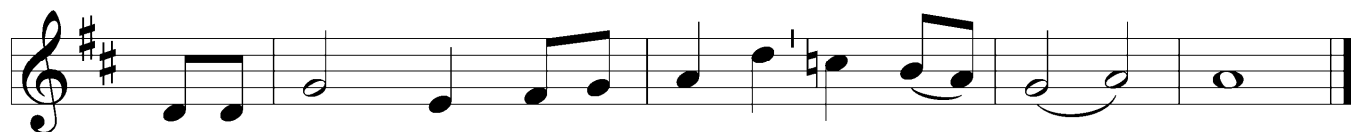
1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



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*

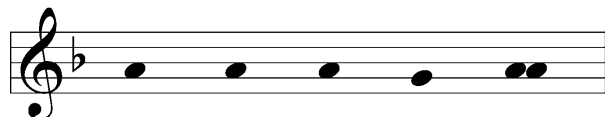


Final Refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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.

O God, from whom all good things do come, grant to us, Your humble servants, that by Your inspiration we may think those things that are right and by Your guidance may perform them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please **BE SEATED**.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4-9

In those days, from Mount Hor Israel set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Liturgical verse; John 16:28



P Alle- | luia, *

alle- | luia!

Christ is risen, and has showed | light to us, *

whom He has redeemed with His most precious Blood. Alle- | luia!

C Alle- | luia, *

alle- | luia!

I came forth from the Father, and have come in- | to the world. *

Again, I leave the world and to the Father. Alle- | luia!

EPISTLE READING

James 1:22-27

Brethren: Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect Law, the Law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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 16:23-33

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: "In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

His disciples said, "Ah, now You are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHIEF HYMN

"Our Father, Who From Heaven Above," 766



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to
2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to
3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal
4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done As it is done be -



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly And
keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name We
righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day With
fore Your throne, That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey Through -



pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought - less words to
walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false teach - ing us per -
gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his
out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and blood and ev - 'ry



say But from our in - most hearts to pray.
vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.
rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.
ill That sets it - self a - gainst Your will.

5 Give us this day our daily bread,
And let us all be clothed and fed.
Save us from hardship, war, and strife
In plague and famine, spare our life,
That we in honest peace may live,
To care and greed no entrance give.

6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore,
That they may trouble us no more;
We, too, will gladly those forgive
Who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community
To serve each other willingly.

7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,
Where our grim foe and all his horde
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand.
Help us resist, help us to stand.
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,
Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace.

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe
That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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VATER UNSER

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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 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

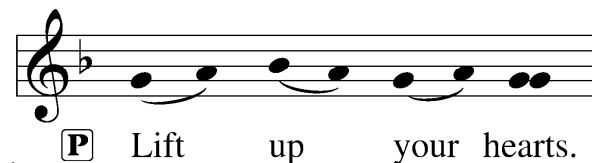
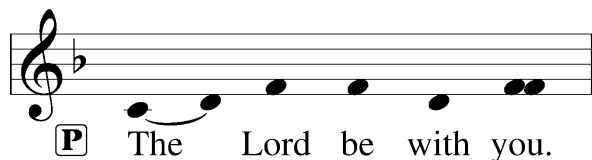
During the voluntary, the Celebrant prepares the Altar for the Supper. You are encouraged to prepare your heart and mind for Holy Communion. Psalms 34, 42, 84, and 116 are especially suitable.

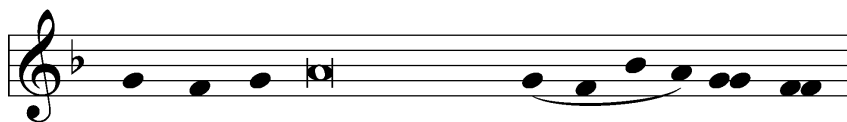
Your offering may be deposited in the plate located near the Baptismal Font when you go to the Altar for Holy Communion.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Please **STAND**.

PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE





P 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.

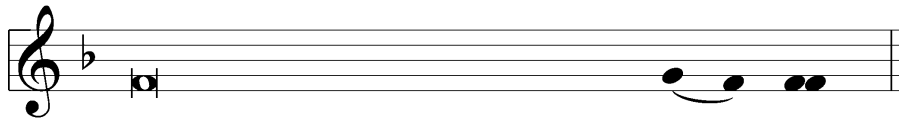
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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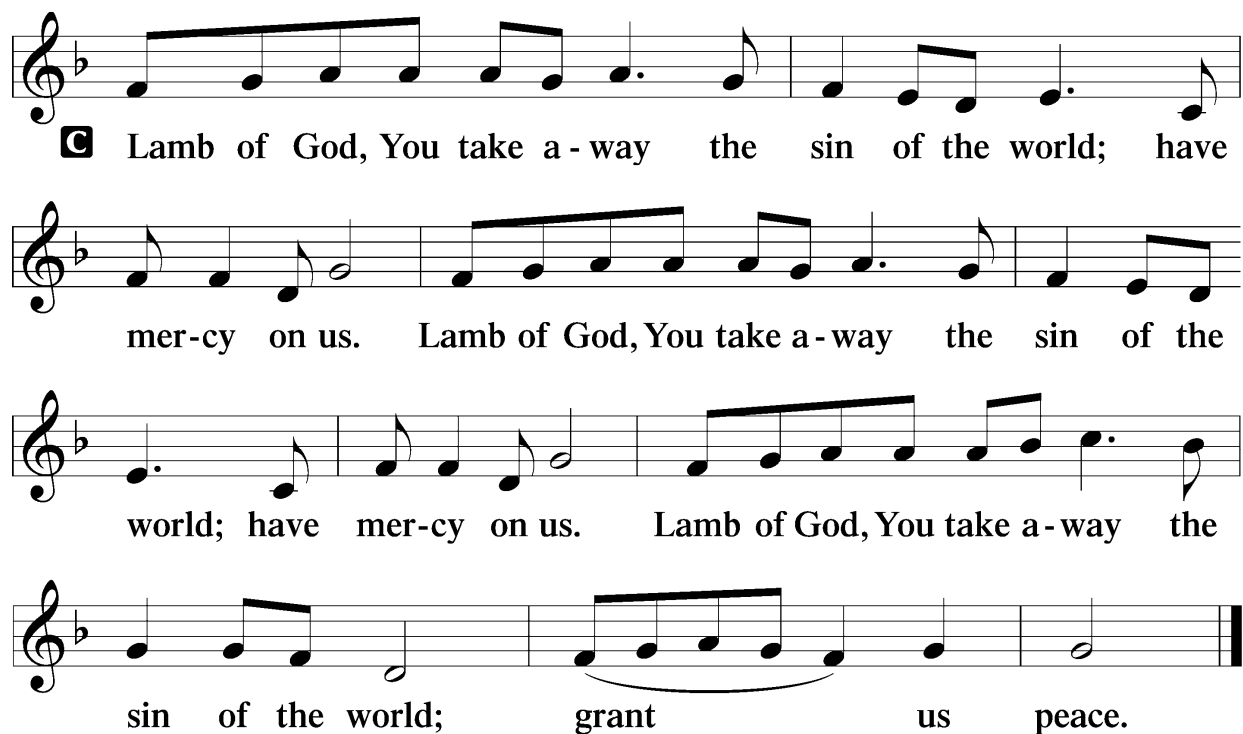


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



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

"Hear Us, Father, When We Pray," 773



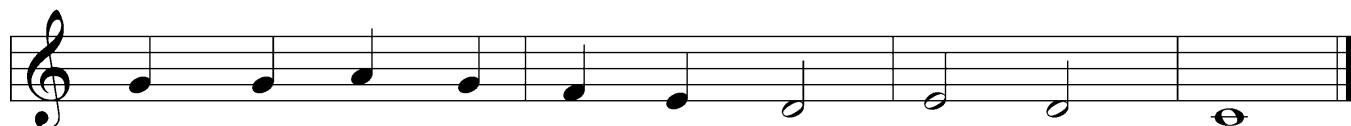
1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and
 2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed
 3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on
 4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey
 souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,
 Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:
 sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



All that we through Christ in - her - it,
 Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;
 Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;
 To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.
 By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.
 Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.
 May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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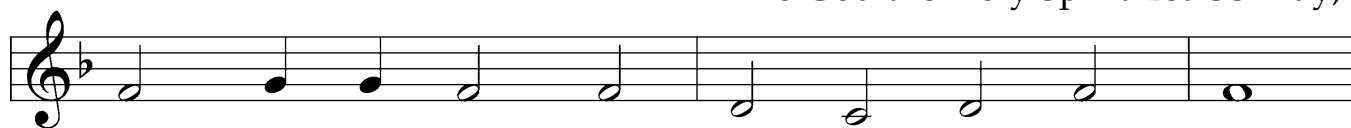
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"To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray," 768



1 To God the Ho - ly Spir - it let us pray
 2 O sweet - est Love, Your grace on us be - stow;
 3 Tran - scen - dent Com - fort in our ev - 'ry need,
 4 Shine in our hearts, O Spir - it, pre - cious light;



For the true faith need - ed on our way
 Set our hearts with sa - cred fire a - glow
 Help us nei - ther scorn nor death to heed
 Teach us Je - sus Christ to know a - right



That He may de - fend us when life is end - ing And from
 That with hearts u - nit - ed we love each oth - er, Ev - 'ry
 That we may not fal - ter nor cour - age fail us When the
 That we may a - bide in the Lord who bought us, Till to



ex - ile home we are wend - ing. Lord, have mer - cy!
 strang - er, sis - ter, and broth - er. Lord, have mer - cy!
 foe shall taunt and as - sail us. Lord, have mer - cy!
 our true home He has brought us. Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: German, c. 13th cent., st. 1; Martin Luther (1483-1546), sts. 2-4; tr. *Worship Supplement*, 1969m alt. NUN BITTEN WIR

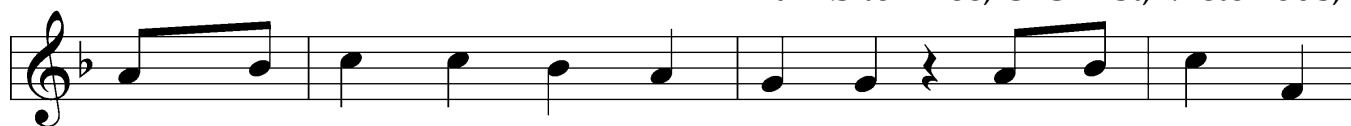
Tune: *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524, ed. Johann Walter

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"Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious," 548



1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O
 2 Thou hast died for my trans - gres - sion, All my sins on
 3 For the joy Thine ad - vent gave me, For Thy ho - ly,



Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us,
 Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me sal - va - tion,
 pre - cious Word; For Thy Bap - tism, which doth save me,



Thou hast con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a -
 On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a -
 For Thy blest Com - mu - nion board; For Thy death, the bit - ter



rise And hast o - pened par - a - dise! None can ful - ly
 rise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death it - self is
 scorn, For Thy res - ur - rec - tion morn, Lord, I thank Thee



sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.
 tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.
 and ex - tol Thee, And in heav'n I shall be - hold Thee.

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo (1634-1703); tr. George A. T. Rygh (1860-1942)

Tune: Johann Schop (c. 1590-1667)

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WERDE MÜNTER

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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

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!," 490



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

Text: Christian Fürchtegott Gellert (1715-69); tr. Frances E. Cox (1812-97), alt.

JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT

Tune: Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

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Announcements

GUEST PREACHER AND PRESENTER NEXT SUNDAY

On **Sunday, May 16** we will be joining several of our sister congregations in the greater Grand Rapids area by welcoming special preachers and presenters as a part of the Ascension of Our Lord Mission Festival. The focus of the Mission Festival is the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society's (SMLS) work on behalf of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Russia.

The guest preacher will be the Rev. David Mommens, Vice President of SMLS and Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Columbia City, Indiana. He has served as First Vice President of the Indiana District, LCMS and in numerous other offices for the IN District. He is a 1984 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. He has taught both in Siberia and in Matongo, Kenya.

During the Education Hour, Mr. Matt Doctor will talk about the effort to save the Seminary in 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. The presentation 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.

VOTERS' MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday 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.

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 or (616) 455-2200.

WMLHS RUMMAGE SALE - DATE CHANGE

One man's junk is another man's treasure! Come check out the WML Boosters' garage sale on **May 6, 7, and 8** (**NOTE THE NEW DATES!**) 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.*

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.

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 (5/2)	51	44	\$7,280.00

Serving Today

Celebrant and Preacher	Rev. Ryan Beffrey
Organist.....	Diane Scott
Floor Elder	David Steffens
Serving Elder.....	Craig Baier
Acolyte	Titus Baier
Counters.....	Jeremy Baier & Dan Scott
Altar Guild.....	Sheila Haskill & Melissa Vanarsdal

Serving Next Sunday

Floor Elder	Craig Baier
Serving Elder.....	Paul Cook
Acolyte	Wyatt Harmsen
Counters.....	Sandra Hoffbeck & Kim Harmsen
Altar Guild.....	Becky Steffens & Cindy MacIntosh

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.

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

Jason Baier (5/10), Libby Hoffbeck (5/12), Chelsie Schmeisser (5/12) Karen Gilbert (5/13) Carol Steffens (5/14).

Those celebrating Baptism birthdays this week

Christy Killips (5/11/69), Phillip Mullett (5/15/60).

This Week at Epiphany

Today (5/9)	Divine Service- 9:15 AM Sunday School – 15 minutes after service ends Bible Study – 15 minutes after service ends.
Wednesday (5/12)	Food Truck – 2:00 PM Sewing Retreat Begins Confirmation Class – 5:30 PM
Thursday (5/13)	Sewing Retreat – all day
Friday (5/14)	Sewing Retreat – all day
Saturday (5/15)	Sewing Retreat – all day
Sunday (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

Looking Ahead

5/23 Confirmation Sunday

Next Sunday – The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord (*Observed*)

Psalm	47 (antiphon: v. 1)
Old Testament	2 Kings 2:5-15
Epistle	Acts 1:1-11
Gospel	St. Mark 16:14-20
Chief Hymn	“See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph,” LSB 494