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Epiphany

welcome

We hope you feel welcomed by our community, inspired by the message of Jesus today and excited to live that out in the coming week

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Please stand

OPENING HYMN

ELW #364 vs. 1,2,4
Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.



For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,



e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.

4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won."

Refrain

(Con't)

Refrain



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: MFURAHINI, HALELUYA, Tanzanian traditional

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This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kari Osmeck, Age to Age

READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

A A reading from 1 Peter.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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.

GOSPEL Mark 10:13-16

P The Gospel according to Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.***Please sit***SERMON**

Dr. Kris Bjoke, Age to Age

*Please stand***HYMN OF THE DAY****ELW #444***Cradling Children in His Arm*

Cra-dling chil - dren in his arm, Je - sus gave his bless - ing.



To our babes a wel-come warm he is yet ad - dress - ing.



Take them, Lord, give life a - new in the liv - ing wa - ters!



Keep them al - ways near to you as your sons and daugh - ters!

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Johannes H. V. Knudsen, 1902–1982

Music: GAUDEAMUS PARTER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

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APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.*
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

A Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our
 broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the
 good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen
 Savior.

C **Amen.**

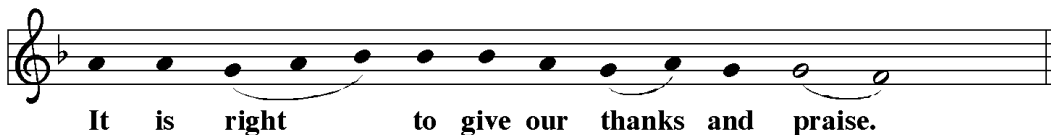
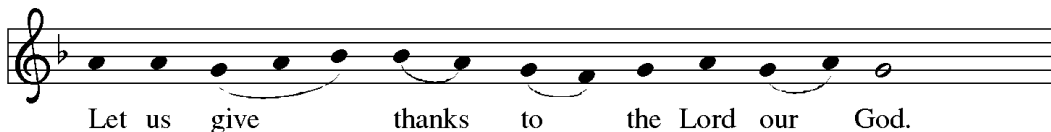
PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Doug Taylor, harmonica

How Can I Keep from Singing --arr. Doug Taylor

*Please Stand***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



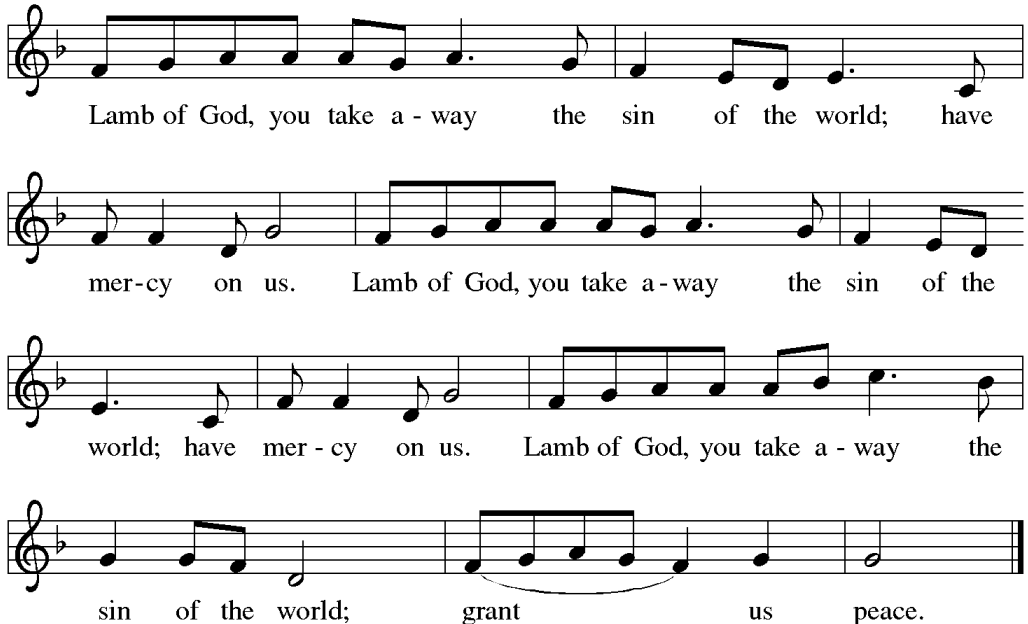
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Please sit

LAMB OF GOD



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.

COMMUNION

All are welcome to share in communion this morning! Gluten-free wafers are available if needed. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. If you would like to have communion brought to you in the pew, please don't hesitate to raise your hand to catch the traveling server's attention and also let the usher know. If you have questions about communion, contact Pastor Brad at: pastorbrad@epiphany-lutheran.com.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW #388 (repeat)

Be Not Afraid

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). It contains a vocal melody with lyrics: "Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!". The lower staff is in bass clef and provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second system of the musical score is identical to the first, providing a repeat of the musical phrase. It features the same vocal melody and bass accompaniment.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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Please stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of the bread and wine that we have shared, strengthen us and unite us in bonds of love and peace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen**

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

CLOSING HYMN

ELW #381

Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes

1 Peace, to soothe our bit - ter woes, God in Christ on us be - stows;
 2 Peace with - in the church still dwells in our wel - comes and fare - wells;



Je - sus bought our peace with God with his ho - ly, pre - cious blood;
 and through God's bap - tis - mal pow'r peace sur - rounds our dy - ing hour.



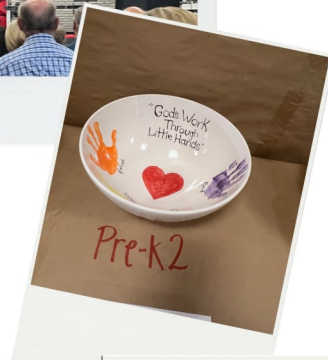
peace in him for sin - ners found is the gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
 Peace be with you, full and free, now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860–1943, alt.
 Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

DISMISSAL

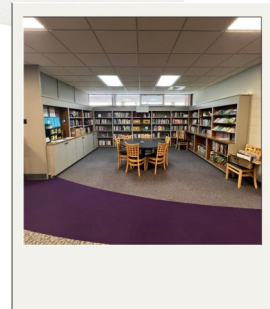
A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

Age to Age



We're Part of Something New!

Our congregation has applied and been accepted to be a part of the Age to Age Cohort, a learning journey with 12 other churches across the country focused on nurturing the faith of children. Together, we'll explore how we can more deeply connect generations, spark spiritual growth, and create space for children to experience God in real and lasting ways. Pray for us as we travel to Capital University in Columbus, OH to launch in July!



What is Age to Age?

Age to Age is a cohort led by Capital University, an ELCA university in partnership with Trinity Seminary in Columbus, OH. Through the guidance of specialists across the country and a coach, Age to Age help churches like ours reimagine ministry with children.



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