

A photograph of a church interior, viewed from the back of the sanctuary looking towards the front. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. In the background, a large wooden organ is visible, flanked by tall, narrow windows. A large wooden cross is mounted on the wall above the organ. In the foreground, rows of dark wooden pews are visible, arranged in a central aisle. The text "all Are" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the top half of the image. The text "Epiphany" is written in a smaller, white, cursive font, centered below "all Are". The text "Welcome" is written in a large, white, cursive font across the bottom half of the image. At the very bottom, there is a block of white text that reads: "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".

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Epiphany

Welcome

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Welcome To Worship



WORSHIP

Worship is a big deal to us. Something happens in us and through us when we gather. Jesus said it this way: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” When we gather together for worship we can experience the presence of God in a way that we can’t on our own. It isn’t just about learning and it certainly isn’t about getting on God’s good side. Worship is a corporate way to personally experience (be in relationship with) God and others. Welcome!

GIVE

Want an easy way to give digitally? Scan the QR code below and head to the give page of our website for all the info!



CONNECT

The best way to stay connected to Epiphany is to sign up to receive our twice per week emails we call “Connect”. On Tuesday and Friday we send out the latest information about our ministries, worship, events and more.

You can see our most recent emails by scanning this QR Code and following the link. If you wish, you can even sign up to receive Connect for yourself! The sign up form is on the same page. Open your phone’s camera and scan the code below to stay connected!



NEW

If you are new to Epiphany we want to tell you a little about our us. We hope to be a church that focuses on the love of Jesus, invites you to follow Jesus in the way you live and seeks to spread that invitation to all people, including those in the LGBTQIA+ community, all family types, ethnicities, ages and social classes. We want to follow Jesus and passionately proclaim that his love is for all. If you wish to know more about our welcome and inclusion statement, visit us here.



We would love to hear a little bit about you. Scan the QR code below for an easy way to let us know what you think or ask us a question.



Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025 ~ 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

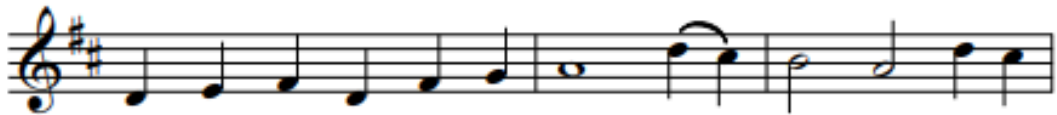
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

1 All cre - atures of our God and King, lift
 2 O ru - shing wind that art so strong, you
 3 O flo - wing wa - ter, pure and clear, make
 4 All you who are of ten - der heart, for -
 5 Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and



up your voice and with us sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
 clouds that sail in heaven a - long, O__ praise him, Al - le -
 mu - sic for your Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
 gi - ving o - thers, take your part, sing_ prai - ses, Al - le -
 wor - ship him in hum - ble - ness, O__ praise him, Al - le -



lu - ia! Thou bur - ning sun with gol - den
 lu - ia! O ri - sing morn in praise re -
 lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter - ful and
 lu - ia! All you who pain and sor - row
 lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the



beam, and sil - ver moon with sof - ter
 joice, O lights of eve - ning, find a
 bright pro - vi - ding us with warmth and
 bear, praise God and on him cast your
 Son and praise the Spi - rit, Three in

(con't)

gleam,
voice:
light,
care,
One,
O__ praise him, O__ praise him, Al - le -
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

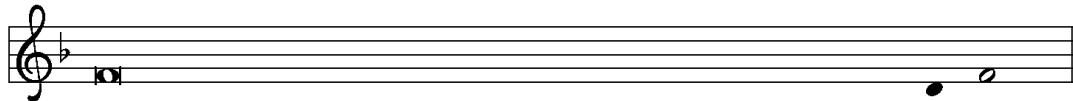
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

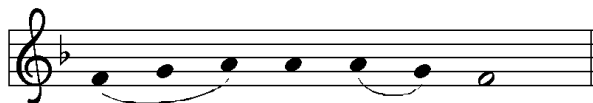
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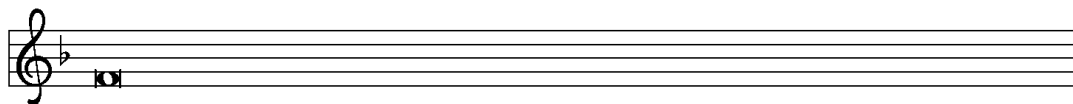
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



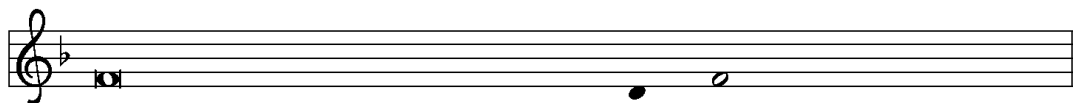
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



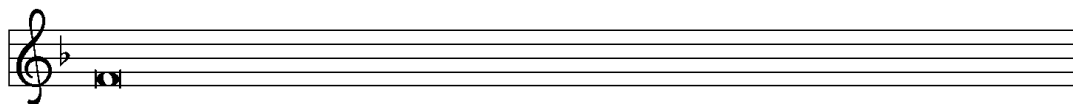
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



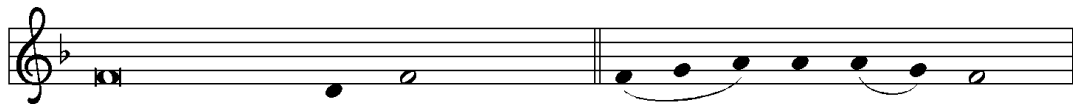
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



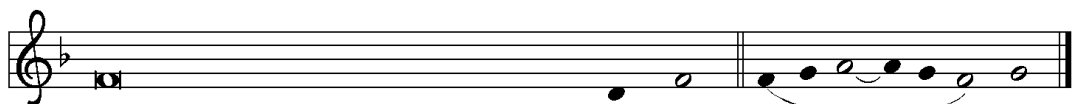
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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

HYMN OF PRAISE



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



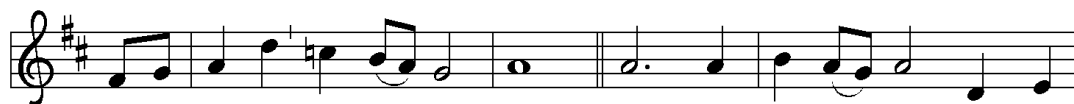
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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

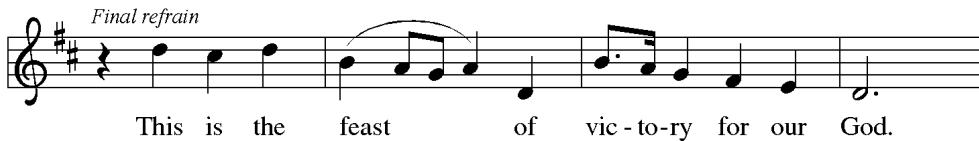
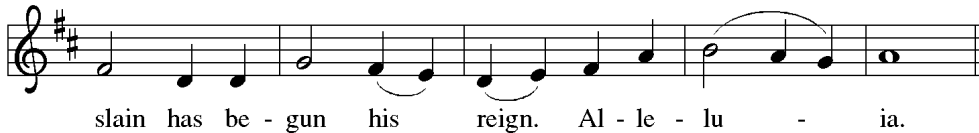


al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please sit

READING Psalm 104:1, 10-24

A A reading from Psalm 104.

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

¹⁰You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,

¹¹giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.

¹²By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.

¹³From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

¹⁴You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,

¹⁵and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

¹⁶The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

¹⁷In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.

¹⁸The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the coneys.

¹⁹You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.

²⁰You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

²¹The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.

²²When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.

²³People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

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

John 1:1-4

P The Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

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

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

P The Gospel of the Lord

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

*Please sit***SERMON**

Julie Gee

*Please stand***HYMN OF THE DAY****ELW #824*****This Is My Father's World***

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
 morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
 rus-tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'-ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901

Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

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 God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

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

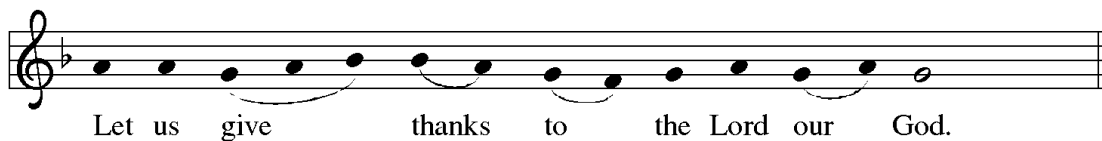
A We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
C **Amen.**

PEACE

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

Please Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Please stand***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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



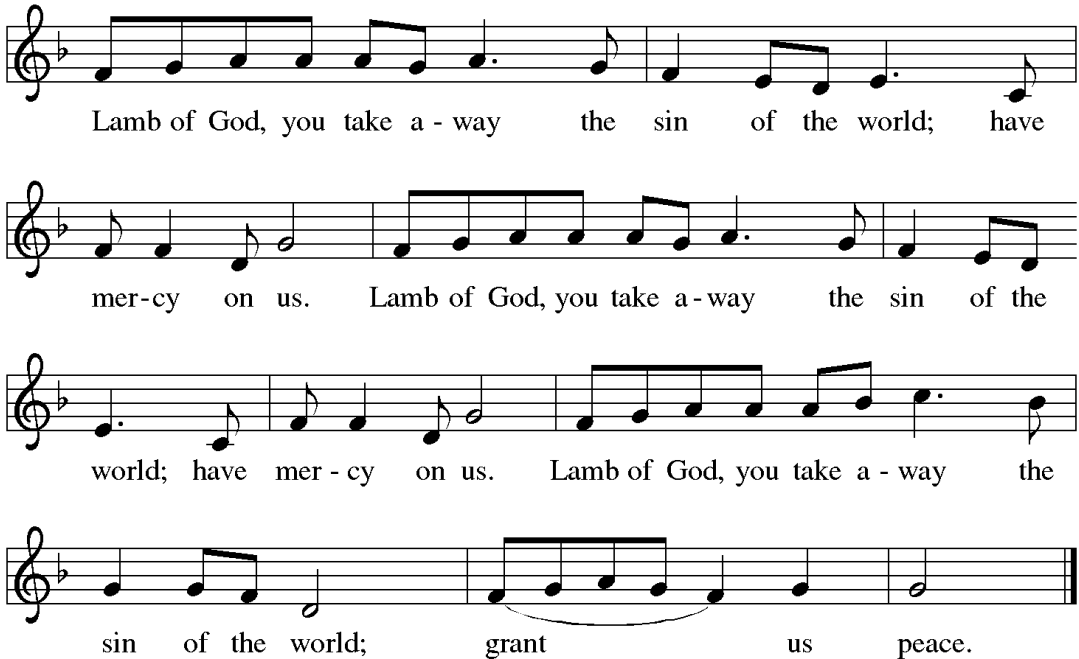
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 *For the Beauty of the Earth***ELW #879**

- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpont, 1835–1917, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

*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** Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
 Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
 and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- C** **Amen**

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE WEEK**LITTLE LIGHTS CHOIR**

Brenna Holmes, Director

Happy Day
The Arky Arky (Rise & Shine)

DISMISSAL

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

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