



By this
everyone will know
that you are my disciples, if
you have love for one another.

John 13:35, NRSV

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5th Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022 – 8:00 & 10:15 am
Worship on Sundays: 8:00 & 10:15 am
Grief Support Group Mondays: 7:00 pm
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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Lutheran Book of Worship

Setting Two (*green hymnal*)

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today, Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light- through the lens of love.

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PRELUDE

You are invited to let this prelude turn your heart to the Lord and prepare you to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Open our lips, and our mouth shall declare your praise.

Open our hearts, and we will be given new life.

Open our souls, and our light will shine before others to give You glory.

Let us confess our sins before God and one another so that we may be forgiven and cleansed from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you, O God, and one another, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have not done. Your Son taught us to "love our neighbor as ourselves," and we have only been concerned about ourselves. Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us to new life in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his boundless mercy, has willingly sacrificed his Son for us, and for his sake forgives us all of our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN 526 *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise.

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.

Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light.

Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might.

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above.

Thy cloud which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree.
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All laud we would render, oh, help us to see.
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

KYRIE (*sing*)

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

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

C: Lord have mercy.

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 mercy

A: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*)

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST LESSON Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a

second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

PSALM 148 (*spoken responsively with Assistant*)

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

²**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

⁶**He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸**fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!**

SECOND LESSON Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter, beginning with the 31st verse

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 674 *"Alleluia!, Christ is Risen."*

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

Refrain - Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

**Walking the way, Christ in the center, telling the story to open our eyes.
Breaking our bread, giving us glory. Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain**

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches. Life in the spirit the fruit of the tree.
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people. Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain**

**Weeping be gone, sorrow be silent. Death put asunder and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing "O grave be open" Clothe us in wonder adorn us in light. Refrain**

**City of God, Easter forever. Golden Jerusalem Jesus the Lamb.
River of life, saints and archangels. Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain**

QUARTERLY AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM *(P: Pastor, B: Baptized)*

*Anyone who celebrates their Baptismal Birthday in the months of
April, May and June, or anyone wanting to affirm their baptism
are invited to gather at the Baptismal font.*

P: Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to affirm and remember the covenant God made with you at your Baptism. We rejoice that you now intend to make public profession of the faith into which you were baptized. Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

B: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

B: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

B: 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 OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation. *A moment of silence.*

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace. Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness.

God, in your mercy. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people. Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

You promised wherever two or more are gathered in your name you would be amongst us. Ask and it shall be given, seek and you will find. Today we ask for patience and healing for these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family...*Sarah, Don, Vera, Barb, Jim, Sandi, Joe* and for those whom we now lift up from our hearts... God, in your mercy. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet together at your river of life. God, in your mercy. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Into your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

B: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these people your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen

PEACE

P: Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: and also with you

You are invited to greet one another with the "Peace of the Lord" or similar words.

OFFERINGS can be mailed, dropped off at church or sent through
our website at www.epiphanyfw.com.

**If you are worshipping in person please
place offering in basket on baptismal font.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Merciful God,

C: it would have been enough for you to give us the fruit of the earth by which we live. But in this meal, by your promise, you also give us yourself. Use what we have gathered here to feed the hungry world with your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *(sing)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: and also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: we lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is good to give him thanks and praise.

P: *It is indeed right and salutary ... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:* **C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION *(share bread and wine or juice at home)*



***Everyone is welcome to come to the Lord's Table!
Those baptized who believe in the true presence of Christ
in the bread and wine are welcome to receive the elements.***

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray, We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. We pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN 363 "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let street and home with praises ring. In death his love shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound. To distant years in Palestine.
He comes to claim the hear and now, And conquer ev'ry place and time.**

**Not throned afar, remotely high. Untouched, unmoved by human pains.
But daily, in the midst of life. Our Savior with the Father reigns.**

**In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, Where color scorn or wealth divide.
He suffers still, yet loves the more, And live, though ever crucified.**

**Christ is alive! Ascended Lord – He rules the world his Father made.
Till in the end his love adored, Shall be to all on earth displayed.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

Pastor

Organist/Pianist

Assistant

Lector/Communion Assistant 8:00

Lector 10:15

Communion Assistant 10:15

Richard Hartman

Sara Davis

Alicia Davis

Sue Johnson

Karen Payne

Mark Herb

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Outreach - we are collecting bars of soap for the Lutheran World Relief Health kits and Layettees. Each kit takes 2-3 bars of soap depending on the size of the bar. Health kits take any kind, Layettes need mild soap.

Health Kit items throughout the summer - Bath towels, tooth brushes, bar soaps, nail clippers, combs. We made 100 kits last year!

Layette items/watch garage sales - baby clothes 6 months to 2T
Shirts long and short sleeved, pants, socks, sleepers no feet, gowns, hats, receiving blankets, mild bar soap and baby blankets. We made 100 last year!

PICK UP A SHEET SHOWING ALL ITEMS FOR KITS!! See bulletin board.

Quilt items/watch garage sales - for blankets, sheets, mattress pads that we can use as middles and backs.



Mike Rumfield - TODAY!
Kay Evans - TODAY!
Hank Schroeder - May 16th!

CALENDAR CORRECTION ANNUAL MEETING AND BREAKFAST May 22, 2022

See sign up sheet for breakfast

Annual Meeting Minutes, committee Reports, Proposed Budget and information on lighting upgrade, driveway repairs, flooring update and website upgrade will be coming to you for review before the meeting by email if you have one, otherwise by snail mail.

Come join us!

