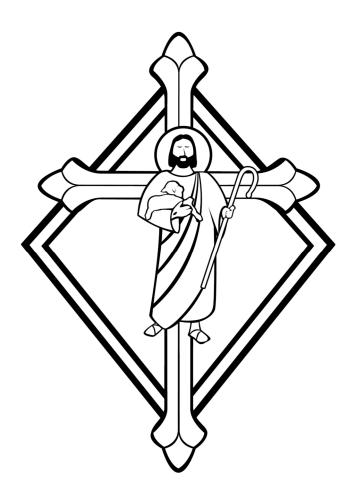
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The Second Sunday after Easter

👁 18 April Anno Domini 2021 👁



I am the Good Shepherd. ... My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. —John 10:11, 27-28

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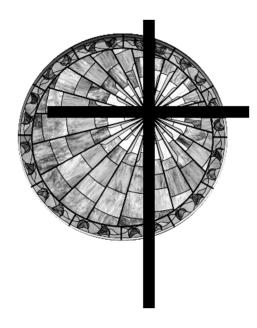
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Welcome to Epiphany Lutheran Church!

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

Our Lord says, "I am the Good Shepherd" (*Gospel*); and the Church sings, "Rejoice in the Lord, all you righteous" (*Introit*). Our Lord bears our sins in His own body to death on the cross (*Epistle*); and the Church prays the Father to make us "partakers of the eternal joys" which Our Lord has won for us (*Collect*). The Lord promises to search out His flock and feed them (*Old Testament*); and the Church knows her Lord and His loving-kindness in the breaking of the Bread (*Alleluia*).



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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.

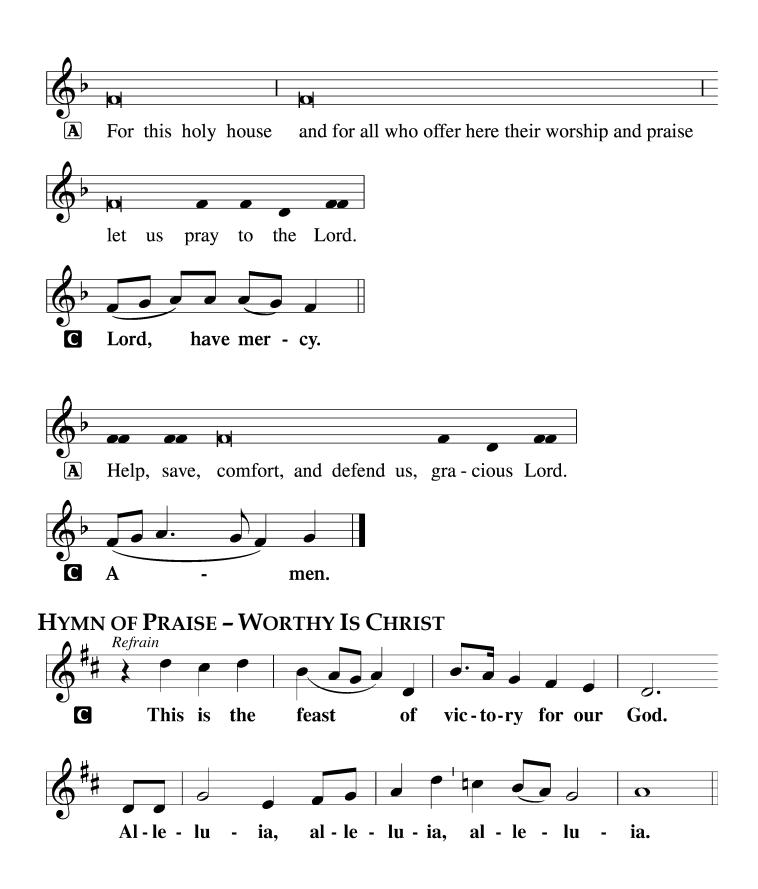
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved 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.
- 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.
 Amen.

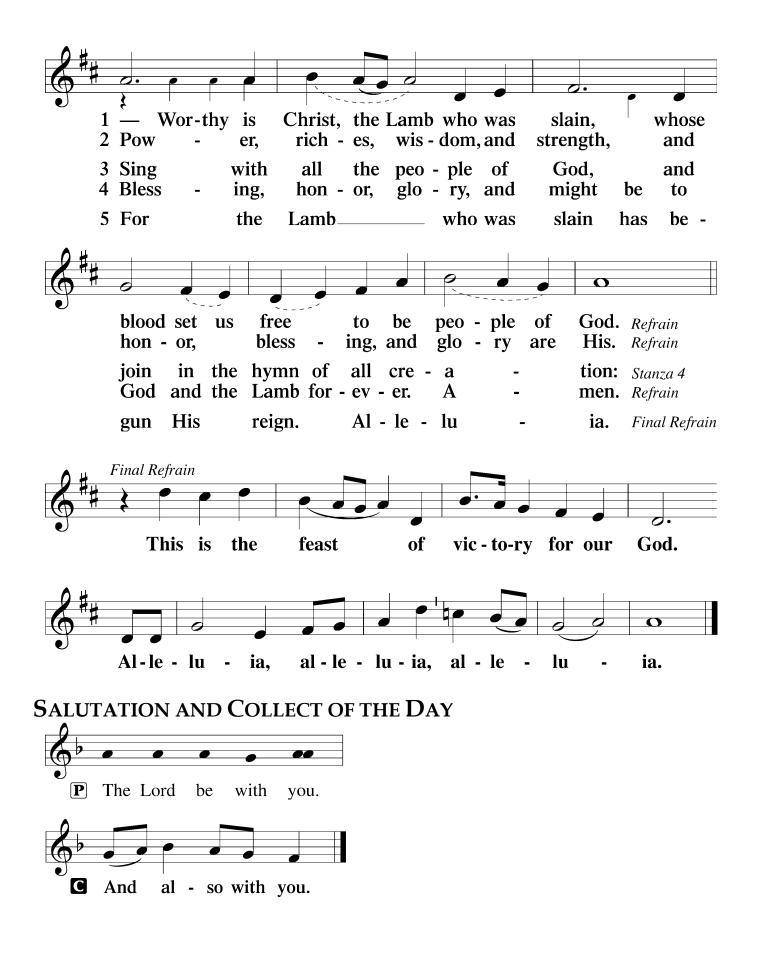
THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Please STAND. **INTROIT** ▶ The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. Alle- |luia! * By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made. Alle- |luia! P Shout for joy in the Lord, O you | righteous! * Praise befits the | upright. **C** Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who | fear Him, * on those who hope in His | steadfast love, **P** that He may deliver their | soul from death * and keep them alive in | famine. **C** Our soul waits | for the Lord; * He is our Help | and our shield. **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.

Psalm 33:1, 18-20; antiphon: Psalm 33:5b, 6a







P Let us pray.

God, who by the humiliation of Your Son raised up the fallen world, grant to Your faithful ones perpetual gladness, and those whom You have delivered from the danger of everlasting death make partakers of eternal joys; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



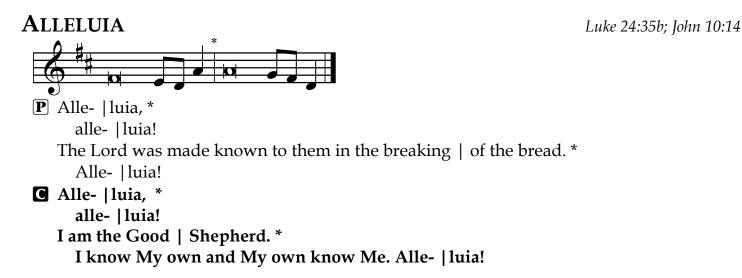
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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I Myself will be the Shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:21-25

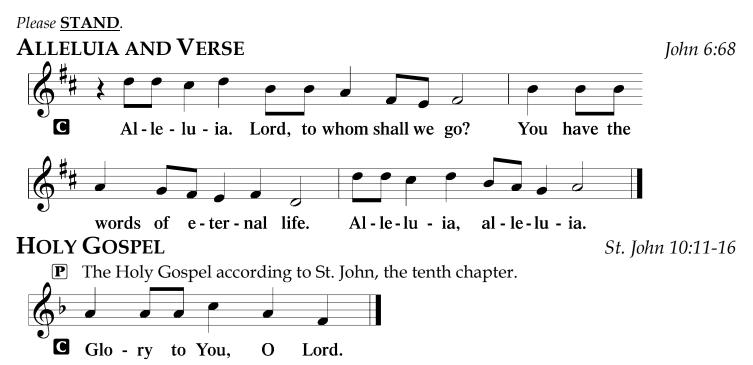
Beloved: To this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found

Ezekiel 34:11-16

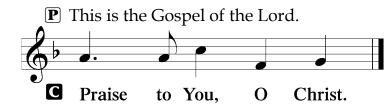
in His mouth. When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.



C Thanks be to God.



I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."





Tune: German, Nürnberg, 1534

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SERMON

Please <u>STAND</u>.

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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 Lord, have mercy.

the prayers conclude:

P ...one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

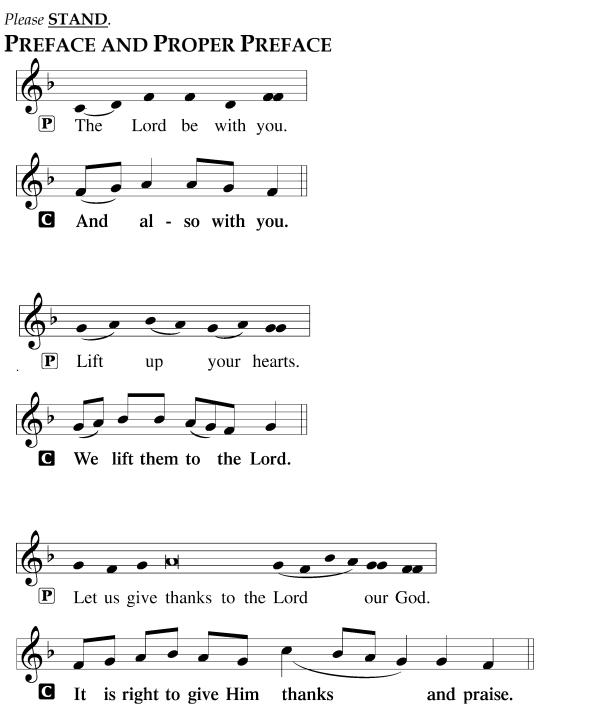
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VOLUNTARY

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.

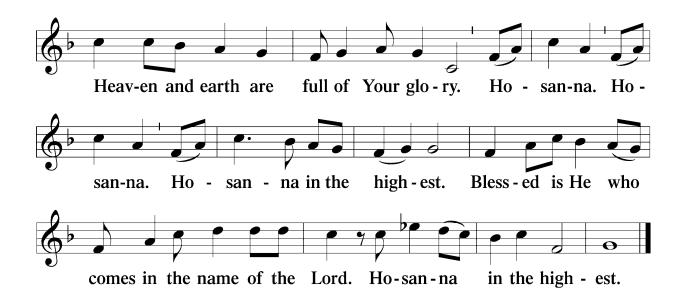
Your offering may be deposited in the plate located near the Baptismal Font when you go to the Altar for Holy Communion.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



P It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER

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:

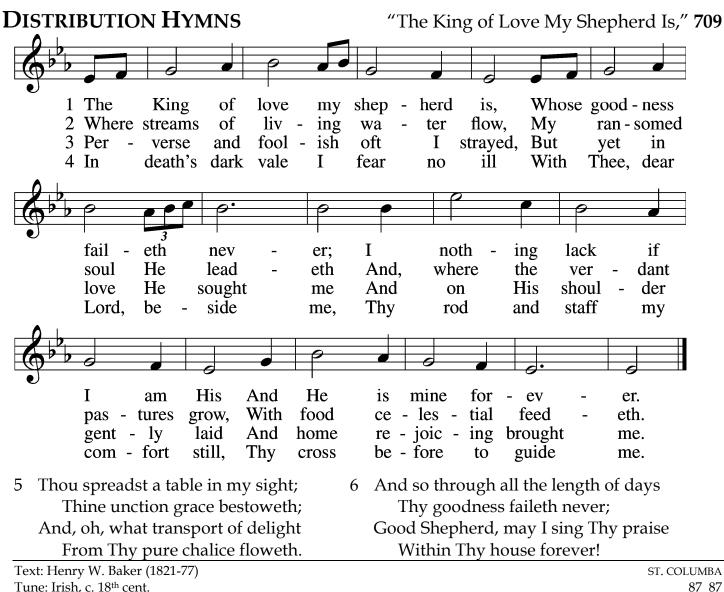
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Please **BE SEATED**. DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LORD'S BODY AND BLOOD

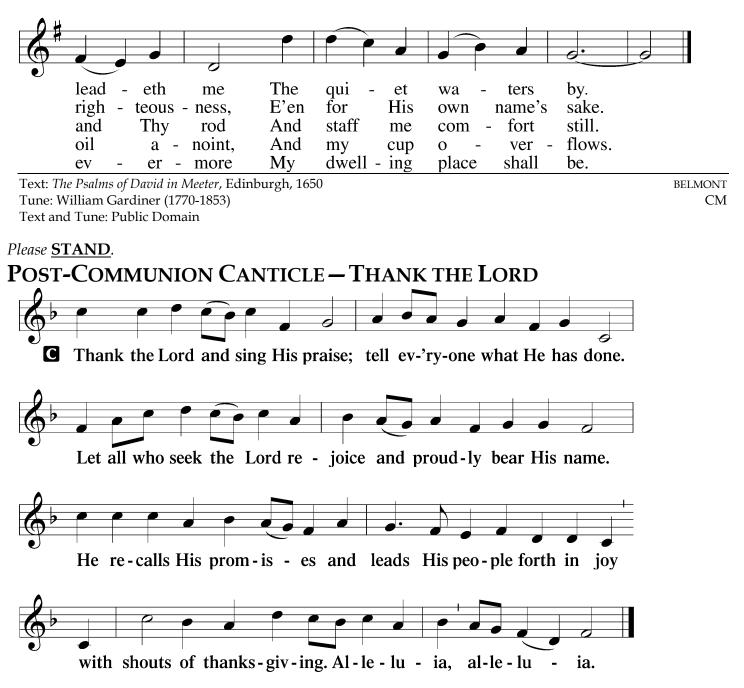


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"Our Paschal Lamb, That Set Us Free," 473





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.



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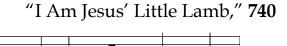
P The LORD bless you and keep you.

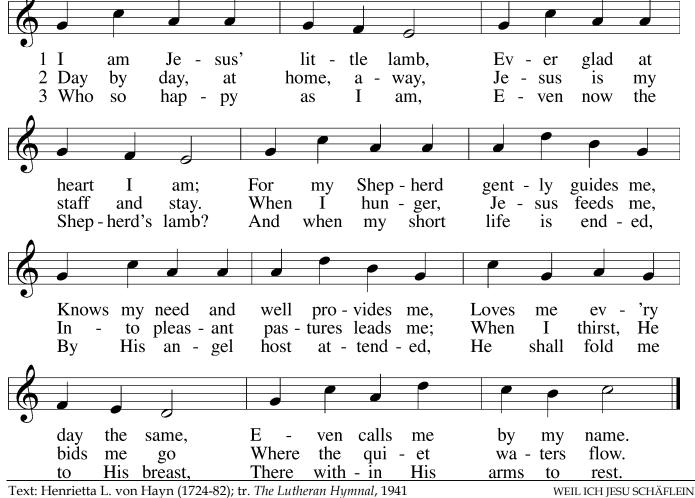
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN





Tune: Choral...Buch...Brüder-Gemeinen, Leipzig, 1784

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Announcements

TODAY IN ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Today is the 500th anniversary of an important Reformation event: Luther's bold stand at the Diet of Worms where he made the famous statement, "I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. "I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen" (LW 32:112–13). We will explore the circumstances of this quote and study the confidence God gives us to confess Him before the world.

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.*

CALL DAY IS COMING!

In The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, the highlight of the year is the end of April when our Seminaries send out vicars and deaconess interns and issue Divine Calls to Pastoral and Diaconal candidates. This year is especially important to Epiphany, as all of our church work students, Zachariah and Claire Burgdorf, Timothy and Hanna Kern, and Timothy and Chelsie Schmeisser, are eligible to receive their first Calls. Call Day at Concordia Theological Seminary is **Tuesday**, **April 27**. Concordia Seminary St. Louis will issue Calls to their eligible students on **Wednesday**, **April 28**. Watch the Bulletin and your email for details on how you can watch this service.

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	Attendance	Communicants	Offerings
Sunday (4/11)	72	39	\$2,070.00

Serving Today

	Rev. Ryan Beffrey
Organist	Diane Scott
	Craig Baier
Serving Elder	Paul Cook
Acolyte	Henry Maass
•	Sandra Hoffbeck & Kim Harmsen
Altar Guild	Becky Steffens & Cindy MacIntosh
Serving Next Sunday	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Floor Elder	Paul Cook
Serving Elder	Mark MacIntosh
	Zeke Baier
Counters	Jeremy Baier & Dan Scott
	Teresa Fulk & Jen Moushegian

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.

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

Wyatt Harmsen,(04/18), Clifford Cross(04/19), Lyla Steffens(04/19), Rose Hancock(04/20).

Those celebrating Baptism birthdays this week

Lynda Lueders (04/20), Karen Steffens (04/21).

This Week at Epiphany

Today (4/18)	Divine Service- 9:15 AM
	Sunday School - 15 minutes after service ends
	Bible Study – 15 minutes after service ends.
Theory does $(1/22)$	Confirmation Class 4.20 DM
Thursday (4/22)	Confirmation Class – 4:50 PM
Sunday (4/25)	Divine Service- 9:15 AM
	Sunday School – 15 minutes after service ends
	Bible Study – 15 minutes after service ends.

Looking Ahead

- 4/27 Call Day at CTSFW
- 4/28 Call Day at CSL
- 5/12-15 Sewing Retreat
 - 5/30 Confirmation Sunday

Next Sunday – Jubilate, the Third Sunday after Easter

The New Creation

Psalm 66 (antiphon: v. 7) Old Testament Isaiah 40:25-31 Epistle 2 Peter 2:11-20 Gospel St. John 16:16-22 Chief Hymn "With High Delight," LSB 483