



**Epiphany Lutheran Church**  
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July 21, 2024 – 10:00 AM

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We welcome all who believe in Jesus Christ to the Lord’s Supper as we partake in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. For those who would prefer, grape juice is available in the center ring of each serving tray. If you do not wish to receive communion you are invited to come forward for a blessing. God’s forgiveness and love is for everyone.

We are honored that you are with us today and we ask everyone to please sign the *Friendship Register* in each pew. Visitors are asked to also complete a *Visitors Card* from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Again, Welcome!

**\*Invites the congregation to stand.**

**HOLY COMMUNION – *Setting 6***

**Prelude:**                    “*Were You There*”                    Andrew Fletcher

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

[P] God, our provider,

**[C] help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

[P] Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

[C] **Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn:**

*“Build a Longer Table*

ACS #1062

*As the hymn begins, the congregation turns toward the entrance to face the processional cross.*



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

**\*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.**

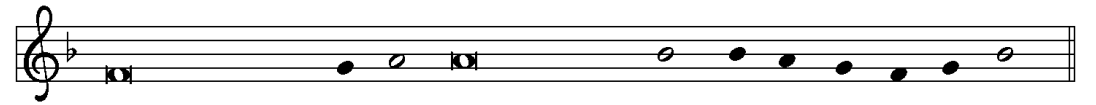
**\*The Kyrie**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



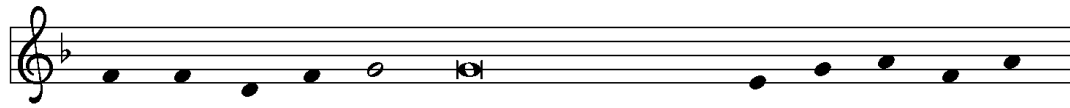
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



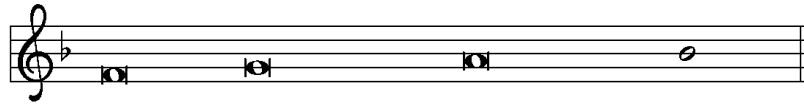
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious 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.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



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



2 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. *Refrain*

3 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. *Final refrain*

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

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

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

**\*The Prayer of the Day**

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Let us pray...

[C] **Amen**

*Insert*

**Children's Message**

Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner

**Children's Church** (*Children are invited to the Fellowship Hall for further worship/education.*)

**The First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

*Insert*

[L] The Word of the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: 23; refrain, Ps. 23:1**

*Insert*

(*Congregation sings verses in **bold** print only.*)

**The Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22**

*Insert*

[L] The Word of the Lord.

[C] **Thanks be to God.**

**\*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.

**\*The Gospel:** [P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
*Mark 6:30-34,53-56* *Insert*  
[P] The Gospel of the Lord.  
[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner

**\*Hymn of the Day:** *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"* ELW #611

**\*The Apostle's Creed** ELW, Page 105  
**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.**

**\*The Prayers** *Insert*

*After each portion of the prayers:*  
[A] In your mercy,  
[C] **hear our prayer.**

**\*The Peace** is shared by all.  
[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
[C] **And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

**The Offering**

**Offertory Anthem:** *"Lamb of God"*  
Lloyd Larsen, arranger - Sung by the Epiphany Men's Choir



**\*The Offertory Hymn** *"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"* ELW #182

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*Offering Prayer**

[A] Let us pray together.

[C] **Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

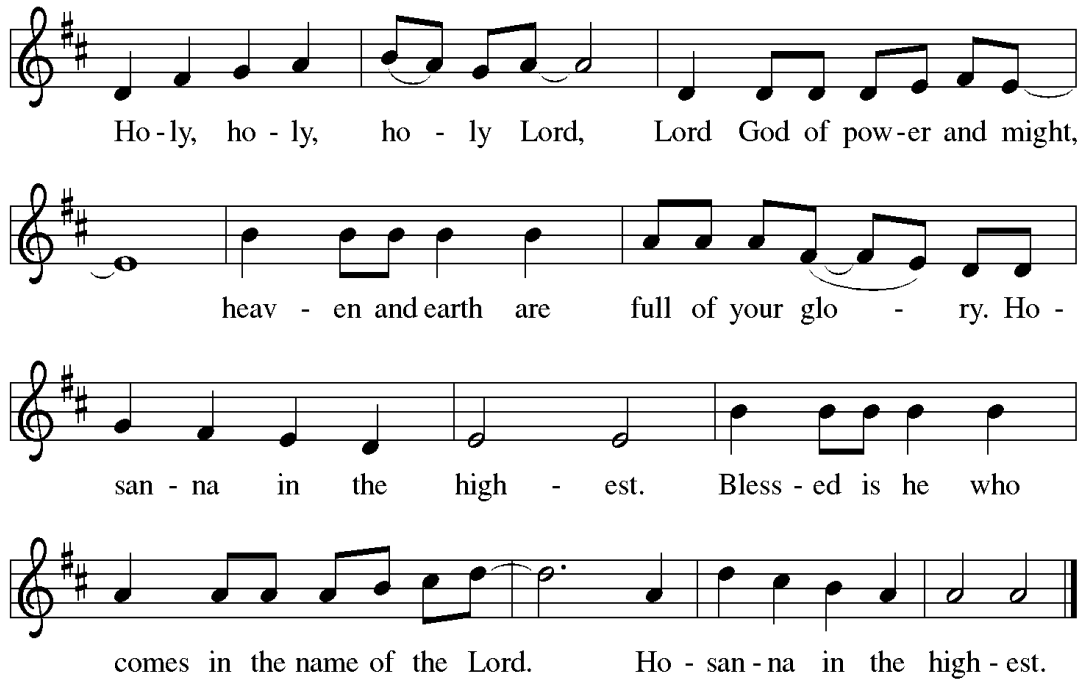
[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] **We lift them to the Lord.**

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

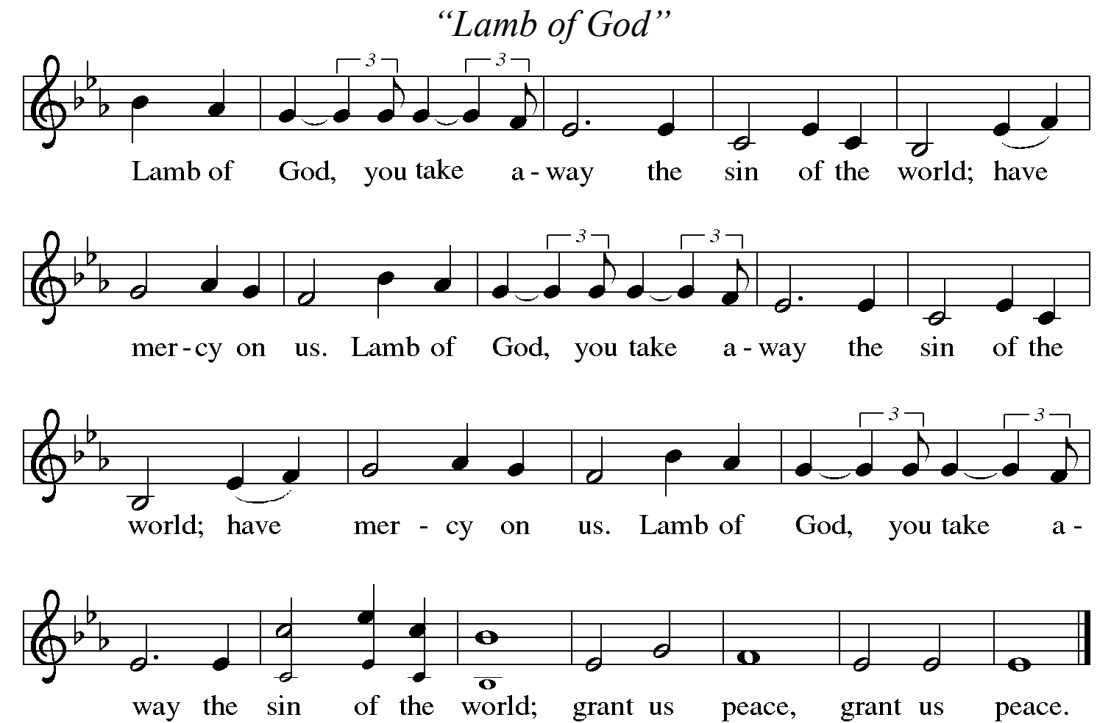
[P] In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

[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.**

**The Communion** *(Please follow the instructions of the ushers in coming to receive communion.)*

*“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, grant us peace.

**Communion Hymns:** “*Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*” ELW #333  
“*Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*” ELW #676

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

[A] Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

[C] **Amen.**

**\*Benediction (Blessing)**

[P] God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

The God of all grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

[C] **Amen.**

**\*Recessional Hymn:** “*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*” ELW #719

*As the cross is carried out during the singing of the hymn, the congregation turns to face the cross.*

**\*Dismissal**

**[All] Follow Christ, Live Faithfully, Serve All. Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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