



**Epiphany Lutheran Church**  
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**March 26, 2023 – 10:00 AM**

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

**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, and again -- **Welcome!**

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

**HOLY COMMUNION – Setting 4**

**Prelude:** “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”  
 Settings by Johann Gottfried Walther

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

[P] During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. In the words of a reformation hymn, let us confess our sin before God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Congregation will sing first verse only:**

C: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord God,  
 P: In God we hope, and not in our own merit. We incline our ear to you, and rest our fears in you, my God, for you alone are holy. Do not despise my cry, for you alone are merciful. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and listen to my voice of pleading.

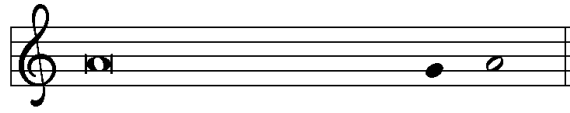
**\*Gathering Hymn:** “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ELW #886  
*As the hymn begins, the congregation turns toward the entrance to face the processional cross.*

**\*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**



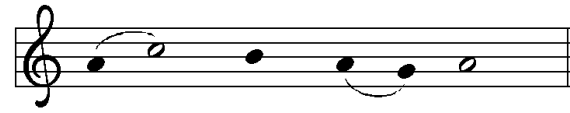
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**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.**



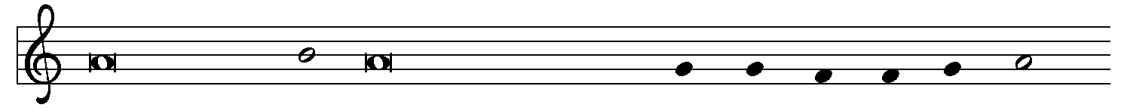
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy 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, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

**\*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: Ezekiel 37:1-14**

*Insert*

[L] The Word of the Lord.

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

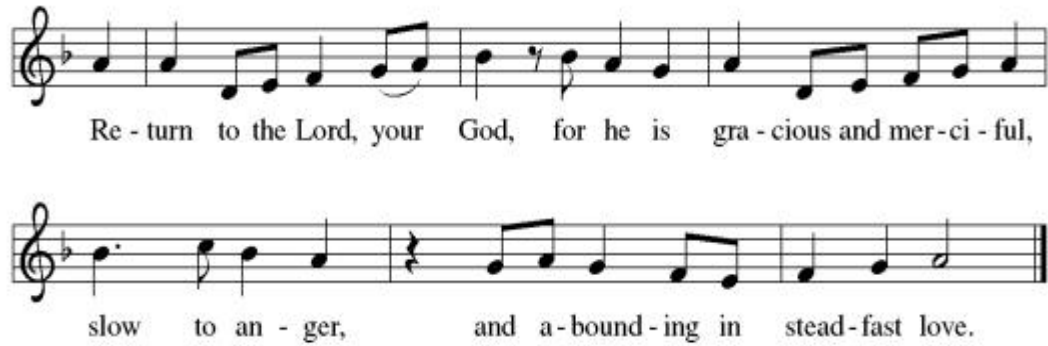
**Psalm: 130; refrain, Ps. 130:5**

*Insert*

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation:**

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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**\*The Gospel:** [P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*John 11:1-45*

*Insert*

[P] The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner

**\*Hymn of the Day:**

*“O Living Breath of God”*

ELW #407

**Baptism & Reception of New Members**

*See Insert*

**\*The Prayers**

*Insert*

*After each portion of the prayers:*

[A] Merciful God,

[C] **receive our prayer.**

**The Offering**

**Offertory:**

*“The Prayer”*

Carol Sager & David Foster - Sung by Sheila Sipe & Michael Thompson

**\*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] **Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*Words of Institution**

[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”*

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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:** “*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*” ELW #618  
“*We’ve Come This Far By Faith*” ELW #633

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

[A] We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[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:** “*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*” ELW #543

*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:**

*“Corale”*

Siegfrid Karg-Elert

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