



Epiphany Lutheran Church
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September 20, 2026 – 10:00 AM

17th 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 4

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

[C] Amen.

[P] Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

[P] Compassionate God,

[C] we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

[P] Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

[C] Amen.

***Gathering Hymn:** “Take My Life That I May Be” ELW #583
As the hymn begins, the congregation turns toward the entrance to face the processional cross.

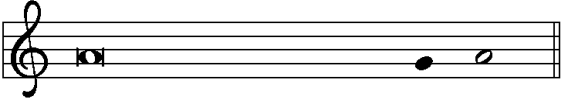
***Greeting**

[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**

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



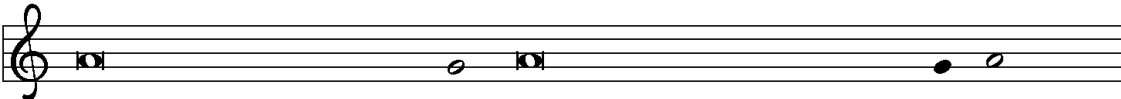
Lord, have mer - cy.



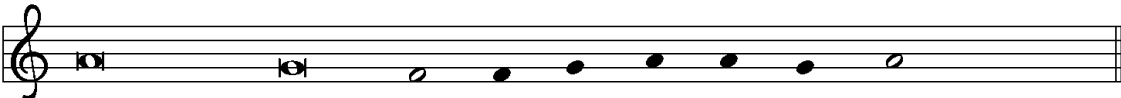
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



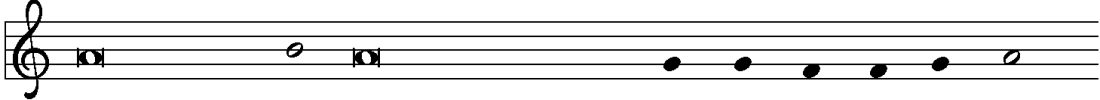
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

***Hymn of Praise**

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Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



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



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. 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: *Jonah 3:10—4:11*

Insert

[L] The Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *145:1-8; refrain, Ps. 145:8*

Insert

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

The Second Lesson: *Philippians 1:21-30*

Insert

[L] The Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation:

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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. Matthew the 20th chapter.

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

Matthew 20:1-16

Insert

[P] The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor David Armstrong-Reiner

***Hymn of the Day:** “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us” ELW #358

***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.

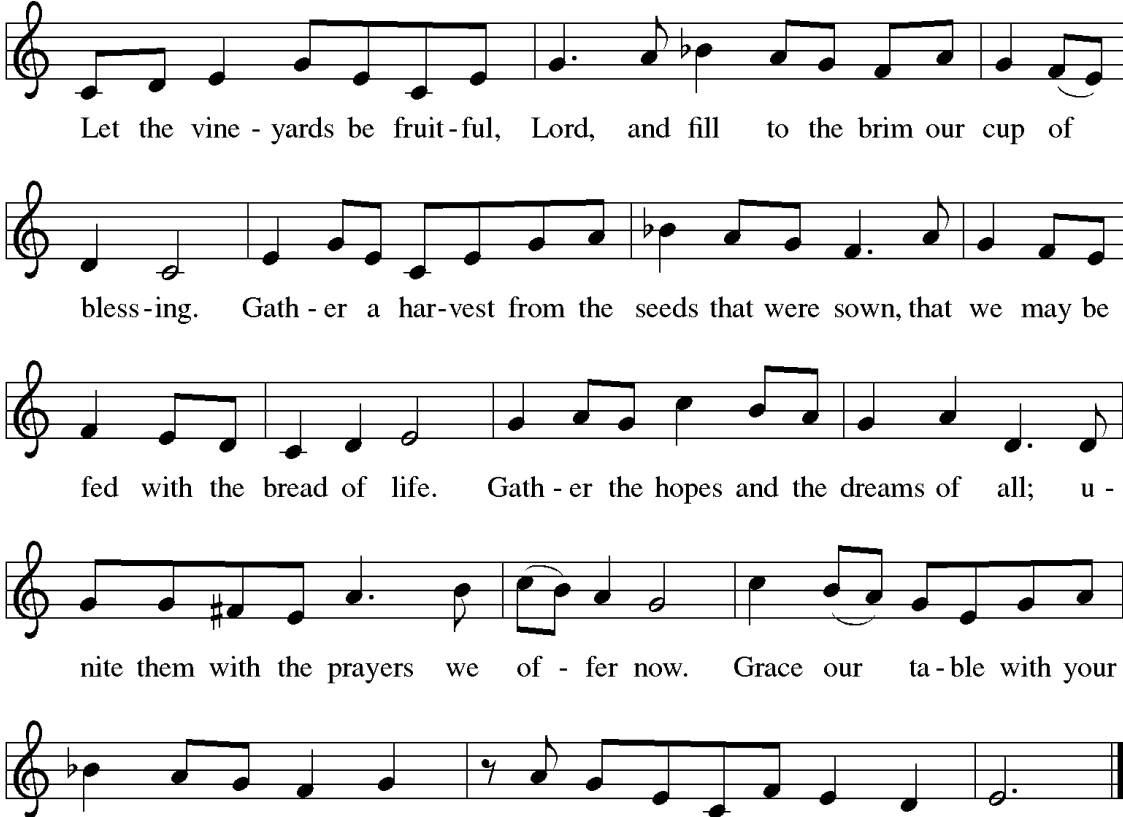
***The Prayers** *Insert*
After each portion of the prayers:
[A] Hear us, O God.
[C] Your mercy is great.

***The Peace** is shared by all.
[P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.
[C] And also with you.
The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

The Offering

Offertory: “In the Garden” Duet - Lane & Leila Carlisle

***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] God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.
Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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'r and might,

heav'n 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”

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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 Hymn: *“When the Poor Ones”* ELW #725
 “Light Dawns on a Weary World” ELW #726

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

[A] Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose 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:** *“Lord of All Hopefulness”* ELW #765
 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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