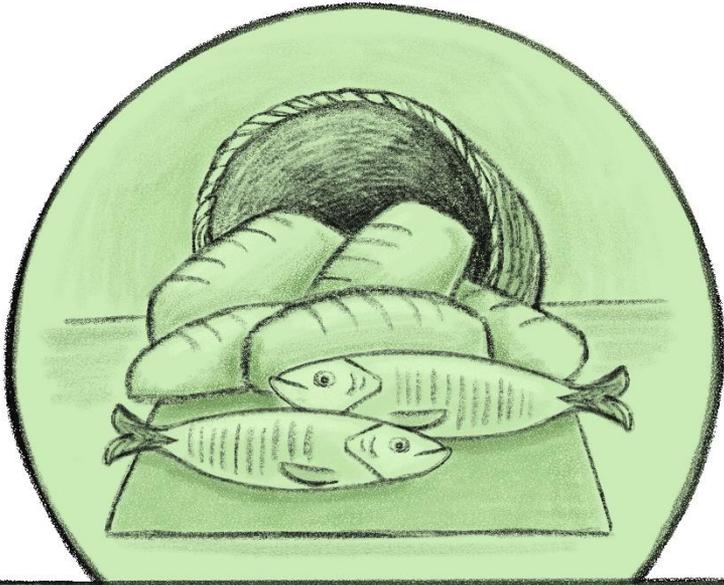


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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Epiphany Lutheran Church

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Epiphany Lutheran Church – Connecting People to Christ and One Another! Welcome, we are happy to have you here!

- Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here. If we can do anything to serve you, please speak with an usher, deacon, or Pastor Mueller.
- Today's service will include Holy Communion. Those who communion share the confession of this congregation and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The following is what we confess together: *"I have been baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. I confess and repent of my sin. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior and my Lord. I believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine of Holy Communion. I believe that in this Sacrament God gives me the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation."* Children and adults not receiving the Sacrament are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are still learning about our confession, or if you hold a different confession, Pastor Mueller looks forward to speaking with you further about the blessings of the Lord's Supper.
- We encourage families to worship with their children. There are blue binders with paper and crayons on the bookcase at the back of the Sanctuary for use during the service.
- Our Guests are invited to complete a worship card (found in the pew pocket), including prayer requests. Members are asked to use the worship card for prayer requests and updating contact information. Cards will be gathered by the ushers after the Gospel reading. Due to privacy concerns, we ask that, if possible, permission be granted by the person for whom a prayer is requested. Thank you.
- Please silence your cell phones.
- We use the Lutheran Service Book for Liturgy and Hymns during the service - referenced as "LSB." Unless otherwise noted lyrics are projected on the screen.

Based on Divine Service LSB “Setting 4” page 203

+ *Preparation* +

Welcome

“Lord, I Need You”

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

- P** 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.

- C** **Amen.**

Kyrie (*sung, sung LSB page 204*)

- C** Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

LSB #422 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

- C** **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament – Isaiah 42:14-21

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle – Ephesians 5:8-14

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Verse Lent (*sung, LSB page 173*)

- C** **Return to the Lord, your God,
for He is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and abounding in steadfast love.**

Holy Gospel – John 9:1-41

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please pass completed worship cards to the side aisles.)

Children’s Message... *The children are invited to come forward for a special message presented by Pastor Mueller.*

LSB #849 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Sermon:

“Shame / Honor”

Text: *John 9:1-41*

Nicene Creed

All: 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 the 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 worshipped 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.

Offering

Prayer of the Church with LSB #780 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Hymn to be sung between petitions as directed.

+ *Service of the Sacrament* +

Preface

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (*sung LSB page 208*)

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

- 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 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."
- P** 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."

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei (*sung LSB page 210*)

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world away;
 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world away;
 Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Please follow the usher's directions. Those who are able are invited to kneel at the railing. Hold your hand up to receive the host; this assists the Pastor or Deacon to recognize those desiring to commune. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Individual cups of wine (red) or non-alcoholic wine (white – in the center of the tray) will be offered. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Following the blessing, you may deposit your cup in the collection bowl located by each side aisle before returning to your seat.

LSB #430 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Nunc Dimittis (*sung LSB page 211*)

C O Lord, now let Your servant
 Depart in heav'nly peace,
 For I have seen the glory
 Of Your redeeming grace:
 A light to lead the Gentiles
 Unto Your holy hill,
 The glory of Your people,
 Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father,
 All glory to the Son,

**All glory to the Spirit,
 Forever Three in One;
 For as in the beginning,
 Is now, shall ever be,
 God's triune name resounding
 Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**
- 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.
- C** **Amen.**

LSB #819 "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

- P** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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Readings for Next Sunday March 26th:
 Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:1-11; John 11:17-27, 38-53

Sunday Adult Education Class 10:30 - 11:30 am

March 19 – “Lent Series Lesson 4: The Blind Man” led by Jim Raguse

March 26 – “Lent Series Lesson 5: The Penitent Thief” led by Pastor

Elementary Sunday School Class 10:30 am

(Preschool Building)

March 19 – “A Flood Covers the Earth” led by Jan Stemple

March 26 – “God Calls Abram” led by DCE Alanna

EGGS, EGGS, EGGS...we have just about hit our goal of 5,000 eggs! THANK YOU all for your generosity this year! If you have any eggs/egg stuffing materials at home that you have already purchased, please bring them in as soon as possible! Now I have **TWO NEW REQUESTS** - the **volunteer sign-up sheet for the Egg Hunt Event** on April 8th is now available on the bulletin board in the entryway! There are spots for set-up, clean-up and station volunteers with descriptions of each station attached. Please consider signing up for all or part of the event to help us make this event a success! **INVITE A** friend, neighbor, family member to join us on April 8th! We have postcards to hand out (see DCE Alanna) and if you have Facebook, please share the event found on our church page! If you have any questions, please talk to DCE Alanna!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The 8th Annual SHRED EVENT is coming up, **Saturday, May 6th from 9 am - 12 pm (noon)**! That's right, we've added an extra hour this year to serve even more of our community! There is an event created through our Facebook for you to share with all your friends and there will be flyers available in mid-April to help you spread the news! As always, this is a free event with free will donations accepted for our youth events and activities. There will also be a tent to donate items for CareNet, facilitated by Social Ministries with more info coming soon!

SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE: We are planning our Easter donation to the Women's Compass Housing Alliance residents and are looking to collect personal care items, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel sizes of shampoo, conditioner, soap, and deodorant. Some of you collect the above items when traveling and at the Dollar Store. Razors, note pads and pens are also appreciated. We will be assembling the items on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. We greatly appreciate our congregation's generosity!

Mid-week Lenten Services

Wednesdays - 3/22 and 3/29

Fellowship 6PM

(Light Snacks)

Worship 7PM

Holy Week

Palm Sunday Worship, April 2 – 9AM

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 6 – 7PM

Good Friday Worship, April 7 – 7PM



**Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday,
April 8 – 2PM**

Ages 12 and under – watch for more information
on Facebook.

Easter Sunday Worship, April 9 – 9AM
Easter Breakfast – 10:30AM

Please Join Us!

Serving Today	
Deacons:	Jim Beckmeyer and Nick Borer
Ushers:	Steve Bauman and Matthew Bauman
Musicians:	Ryan Erdmann
Lector:	Rick Carbone
Greeter:	Rachel Kiser and Milt Shannon
Coffee Hosts:	OPEN
Altar Guild:	Mary Abdi and Melinda Troberg
Counters:	Melinda Troberg and Grace Brod
Power Point:	Millie Kearney

Serving Next Sunday March 26th	
Deacons:	Nick Borer and Paul Brott
Ushers:	Lou Selk
Musicians:	Mary Abdi
Lector:	Paul Brott
Greeter:	Steve & Rita Bauman
Coffee Hosts:	Youth (Pretzels)
Altar Guild:	Vada Besch and Janet Broadus
Counters:	Janet Helseth and Julie Martin
Power Point:	Millie Kearney

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