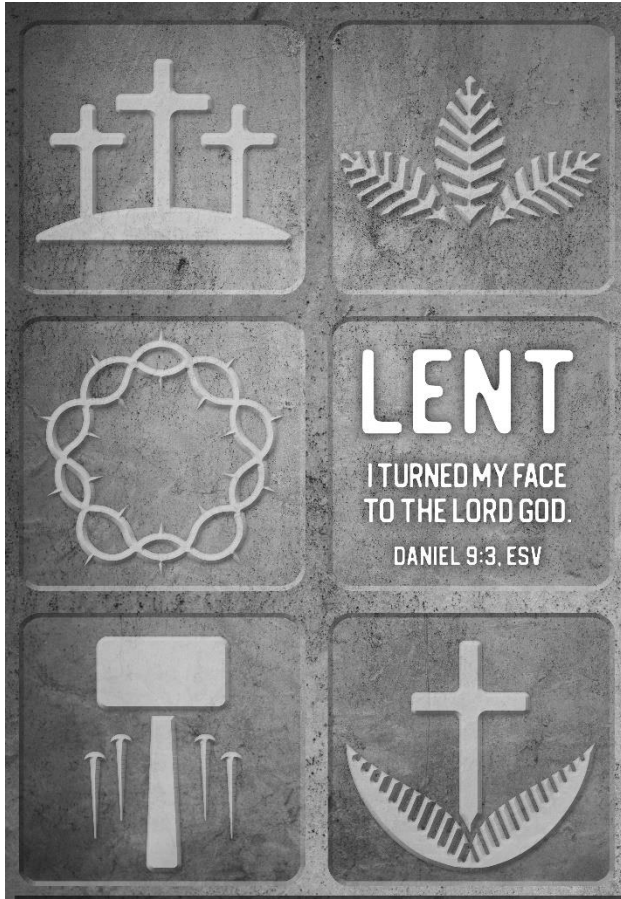


# **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

## **March 17, 2024**



### **Epiphany Lutheran Church**

#### **Arrowhead-Inglemoor Preschool**

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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 Setting Four*

## **As We Gather**

Today's Epistle speaks of Jesus, our High Priest. High priests are called to offer sacrifices for the sins of the people (including their own sins). Jesus is our great High Priest, who offers not just another sacrifice, but even offers *Himself* as the sacrifice, once for all, that we be forgiven and granted eternal salvation. Thanks be to God, for our High Priest who comes to serve us this morning.

## **Welcome**

### **+Preparation+**

## **Call to Worship** *Psalm 51:15*

**P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

## **LSB #435 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"**

## **Invocation**

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

## **Confession and Absolution**

**P** Brothers and sisters in Christ: We are gathered in the name of our holy God to pray, praise, and give thanks; to receive the body and blood of Christ; and to hear and rejoice in the Word of Truth. Let us gather remembering our sinful condition, confessing before God and before one another our need for the Lord's grace and mercy.

*Silence for self-examination*

**P** Almighty God, Merciful Father:

**C** **We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You and against our neighbor. You call us to love You with all our heart, and to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we have failed. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** In mercy, your heavenly Father sent Jesus to be your great High Priest. He came to serve and to offer His life as a ransom, dying and rising for you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** O Lord, open my lips,

**C** **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

## **+Service of the Word+**

**Kyrie** (*sung, LSB page 204*)

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

**LSB #433 vs 1, 2, 6 "Glory Be to Jesus"**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God,

**C** **by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Old Testament – Jeremiah 31:31-34

*God's new covenant.*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle –Hebrews 5:1-10

*Jesus is our great High Priest.*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Verse (*sung, LSB page 205*)

**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 – Mark 10:32-45

*The Son of Man came to serve and give His life.*

**P** The Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Children's Message

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

***LSB #542 "When I Behold Jesus Christ"***

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***Sermon: "Amazed"***

***Text: Mark 10:32-45***

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**Nicene Creed**

- ☐ 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***

***LSB #687 vs 1, 5 "Thine Forever, God of Love"***

## Prayer of the Church

Following "Lord in Your mercy," please respond "**hear our prayer.**"

### + *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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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)*

**G 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 #560 "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"**

**LSB #770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

### **Nunc Dimittis** *(sung, LSB page 211)*

**G 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.**

### ***LSB #806 "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"***

#### **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.

**C Amen.**

**P** Dear people of God, hear the Lord's blessing sung for you, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Choir sings "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"**

### ***LSB #543 "What Wondrous Love is This"***

**P** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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**Readings for Next Sunday March 24th:  
Zechariah 9:9-12; Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:12-19**

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

**Today: - Daniel 10 led by Jim Raguse**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> - Daniel 11 led by Alanna Davis**

**Elementary Sunday School**

**Today – Men Bring Their Friend to Jesus for Healing led by Jan Stemple**

**March 24<sup>th</sup> – Jesus Brings Lazarus Back to Life led by Mary Abdi**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE JOIN US TODAY**, during Coffee Fellowship, for a special presentation from Trinity Hughes about her recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic with her school. She will share about her week with a short talk and slideshow to say thank you for the support of her Epiphany family!

**LILIES FOR EASTER** - Lillies are needed for Easter Sunday, March 31st. If you would like to donate plants, please plan to bring them to church anytime during Holy Week (March 24th –March 30th). Please do not place them on the altar - this will be done on Saturday, the 30th. If you prefer to donate money towards the purchase of plants, please make the check payable to Epiphany, mark the envelope "Easter Lillies" and put your contribution number on the envelope. Thank you, and if you have questions, please contact Mary Abdi.

**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS** are now available (on bulletin board) for our annual Community Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm! Please take some time to look at the different positions and pray about where you could serve during one of our biggest events of the year. There will be a short volunteer meeting on Sunday, March 24th after Bible study to go over the event details. We also have flyers available for you to share with your friends and neighbors!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped us stuff over 8,000 eggs for the Egg Hunt this year! This could not have been accomplished without all those who donated candy and toys, who took eggs home or enjoyed the stuffing parties on Wednesday nights!

**PLEASE JOIN US** for a special showing and brief discussion of the movie, "The Passion of the Christ", on Wednesday, March 27th from 6 - 8:30 pm. Light snacks will be served. *\*\*Please note this movie is rated R for graphic and intense depictions of the beatings and death that Jesus endured.\*\**

**DCE Alanna** is looking for 1-2 helpers to help **DECORATE THE CROSS** for Easter morning on Saturday, March 30th! If you are available that morning, please let her know!

**SOCIAL MINISTRIES** would appreciate any donations of travel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.) to be used for gift sets for the Compass Center Women's Shelter. Donations can be left in a box in the Narthex until March 24th. Thank you!

**REMINDER:** Anyone attending fellowship after church, please remember to dispose of your compostable coffee cups in the "Compost" bin. Thank you!

**WE WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT** to celebrate Diane Carbone's exceptional leadership and dedication as Epiphany's President for the past six years. Diane's unwavering commitment has been instrumental in making each meeting a warm, welcoming, and productive environment for all. Her tireless efforts and passion for serving the church have left a lasting impact on our community.

As we embark on the search for a new President, we reflect on Diane's outstanding contributions and the positive influence she has had on Epiphany. If you are interested in running for this important position or know someone who would be a perfect fit, please reach out to Lori Hughes at 425-681-4660 or [Lori@corcoranlp.com](mailto:Lori@corcoranlp.com). Your involvement will help us continue Diane's legacy of excellence and service to Epiphany.

*As we enter into Holy Week, please join us for these special times  
of worship and fellowship*

### **Holy Week**

Palm Sunday 3/24, 9 am

Divine Service with Holy Communion

Wednesday 3/27, 6 pm

Showing of "The Passion of the Christ"

Maundy Thursday 3/28, 7 pm

Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday 3/29, 7pm

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### **Easter Weekend**

Saturday 3/30, 2 pm

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 3/31

Divine Service with Holy Communion 9 am

Easter Breakfast and Fellowship 10:30 am

## NOTES

<b>Serving Today</b>	
<b>Deacons:</b>	Paul Brott and Nick Borer
<b>Ushers:</b>	Steve and Mathew Bauman
<b>Musicians:</b>	Ryan Erdmann
<b>Lector:</b>	Ed Stemple
<b>Greeter:</b>	Rachel Kiser and Milt Shannon
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	Fellowship
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Janet Broadus and Vada Besch
<b>Counters:</b>	Melinda Troberg and Grace Brod
<b>Power Point:</b>	Millie Kearney
<b>Flowers:</b>	No Flowers - Lent

<b>Serving Next Sunday, March 24th</b>	
<b>Deacons:</b>	Nick Borer and Eric Brod
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Musicians:</b>	Mary Abdi
<b>Lector:</b>	Paul Brott
<b>Greeter:</b>	Steve and Rita Bauman
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Lynn Brown and Susie Borer
<b>Counters:</b>	Dawn Cross and Vad Besh
<b>Power Point:</b>	Alanna Davis
<b>Flowers:</b>	No Flowers - Lent

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