

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024



THE LORD IS MY
SHEPHERD;
I SHALL NOT WANT.
Psalm 23:1

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 commune 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 One

+ **Preparation** +

Welcome

LSB #912 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

- P** "I rejoiced with those who said to me,
C **Let us go to the house of the Lord."** (*Psalm 122:1*)
- P** "How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
C **Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you."** (*Psalm 84:1,4*)
- P** "The Lord is near to all who call on him,
C **to all who call on him in truth."** (*Psalm 145:18-20*)
- P** "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us
C **so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."**
(2 Corinthians 5:21)
- P** "Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins
C **and was raised to life for our justification."** (*Romans 4:25*)
- P** "Death has been swallowed up in victory!
C **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."** (*1 Corinthians 15:54*)
- P** "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
C **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever."**
(Psalm 23:6)

Confession and Absolution

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.**

+ *Service of the Word* +

Psalm 23

- C** **The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.**

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Kyrie (*Spoken*)

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation
let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and
praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

“This Is the Feast”

LSB 155

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb Who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep,

C **grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads;**

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

C **Amen.**

Choir Anthem – “Come Spirit, Come”

First Reading – Acts 4:1-12

Peter and John are brought before the Jerusalem council.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle – 1 John 3:16-24

Followers of Christ are called to love in deed and in truth.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia.**

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel – John 10:11-18

Jesus prays for and about His disciples.

P The Gospel according to St. John, 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 #709 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Sermon: “The Good Shepherd”

John 10:11-18

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering – *LSB #781 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

Prayer of the Church

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

+ *Holy Communion* +

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You

on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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."

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."

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, the pouring out of your Holy Spirit and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

- C** Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 #864 "Shepherd of Tender Youth" "His Banner Over Me Is Love"

Psalm 23

- P** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
- C** **He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

Thank the Lord

- C** **Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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.

Benediction

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 #941 "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**Readings for Next Sunday, April 28:
Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:1-11 (12-21); John 15:1-8**

**Sunday Adult Education Class 10:30 - 11:30 am
Today - Malachi led by Jim Raguse
April 28 - Malachi led by Pastor Mueller**

**Elementary Sunday School
Today – God Talks to Gideon led by Mary Abdi
April 28 – Gideon Leads God’s People led by Mary Abdi**

EVENTS COMING UP THIS WEEK
Quilting (Tue, 9:30a); WMBS (Wed, 9:30a); Work Party (Sat, 9a)
Men’s Breakfast (Sat, 7:30a)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SPRING WORK PARTY is this **Saturday, April 27 at 9AM!** We will spend a few hours sprucing up the interior of the church and around the grounds. Many hands always make the labor light. Please contact Jeff Hughes with any inquiries.

UPDATE: A member has come forward and expressed interest in the President position on the Epiphany BOD. There is still time, however, if you have been thinking about running for the President position, to get your name on the ballot by contacting Lori Hughes at 425-681-4660 or Lori@corcoranlp.com.

A SUMMER ACTIVITIES SURVEY is now available for all congregation members to fill out. This survey is to gauge the interest and availability of members for various summer fellowship and outreach activities for all ages. Please return the surveys to the silver box on the same table by Sunday, April 28th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: the **2024 SHRED EVENT** is coming Saturday, May 4th from 9 am - 12 noon! Start collecting those documents, clean out your files and get ready to safely and securely dispose of as many documents as you need! We have no limits per car! There will be a freewill donation box available to support our youth going to the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

OLYMPIC ZONE LWML “Spring Joyshop” will be on May 4, 10am, at Lamb of God, 12504 27th Ave. NE, Seattle. Details are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact Mary Abdi for additional information.

THE SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE is asking members of the congregation to consider bringing non-perishable food items to church, so that our committee can take them to the Kenmore Food Bank, where they are experiencing high demand. Some items specifically requested are cooking oil, sugar, flour, shelf stable milk and canned food. The Kenmore Food Bank is always very thankful for the support they receive from Epiphany.

NOTES

Serving Today	
Deacons:	Jim Beckmeyer and Paul Brott
Ushers:	Steve and Matthew Bauman
Musicians:	Ryan Erdmann
Lector	Julie Martin
Greeter:	Milt Shannon
Coffee Hosts:	Fellowship
Altar Guild:	Dawn Cross and Barbara Dorsey
Counters:	Melinda Troberg and Grace Brod
Power Point:	Alanna Davis
<i>Chancel Flowers are given by Dawn Cross in celebration of her father Robert's birthday</i>	

Serving Next Sunday, April 28	
Deacons:	Paul Brott and Nick Borer
Ushers:	TBD
Musicians:	Mary Abdi
Lector:	Beth Fox
Greeter:	Steve and Rita Bauman
Coffee Hosts:	OPEN
Altar Guild:	Mary Abdi and Melinda Troberg
Counters:	Dawn Cross and Vada Besch
Power Point:	Millie Kearney
Flowers:	OPEN

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