

**Sunday, February 4, 2024, 9:00am**

***Who Are You?***

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**



*To say people have ‘an epiphany’ usually means that they have come, not only to see something new, but to see something that was already there but in a new or different way.*

*In the Season of Epiphany, we rejoice in the newness that is Jesus shining in the darkness and making Himself known to sinners.*

*But more than that, the Epiphany of Jesus, who He is and for whom He is, has us ‘having epiphanies’ as we come to see things that were already there in new or different ways.*

## *Prelude*

### *#620, Jesus Comes Today with Healing*

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing, Off'ring pardon, grace,  
and peace. He Himself makes preparation, And I hear His invitation:  
    **"Come and taste the blessed feast."**
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken, And the cup, the precious token  
    **Of His sacred covenant.**
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy, Blood and body, giv'n for  
me, Very Lamb of God from heaven, Who to bitter death was given,  
    **Hung upon the cursed tree.**
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour In this ordinary sign.  
On my tongue His pledge receiving, I accept His grace, believing  
    **That I taste His love divine.**
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His  
gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides  
me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation, Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error,  
    **Makes my wounded spirit whole.**

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P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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 in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and each other 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 Jesus, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon me, forgive me my sins, and lead me to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive

our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me.

**C: Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,**

P: lest my enemy say, I have prevailed over him, lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

**C: But I have trusted in Your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Kyrie

*LSB 204*

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

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 204*

**C 1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father;**

**Your holy name, we sing— Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and  
adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Together, we pray.

**C: O Lord, keep Your Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the  
hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Children's Time

**Isaiah 40:21–31**

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when He blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will You compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of His might, and because He is strong in power not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **1 Corinthians 9:16–27 [Sermon Text]**

If I preach the Gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the Gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the Gospel. For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law, though not being myself under the law, that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law, not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ, that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the Gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter. Mark 1:29-39**

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

Immediately Jesus left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told Him about her. And He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening at sundown they brought to Him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And He would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew Him. And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him, and they found Him and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." And He said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And He went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

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

**P: We profess our faith,**

**C: 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 His 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.**

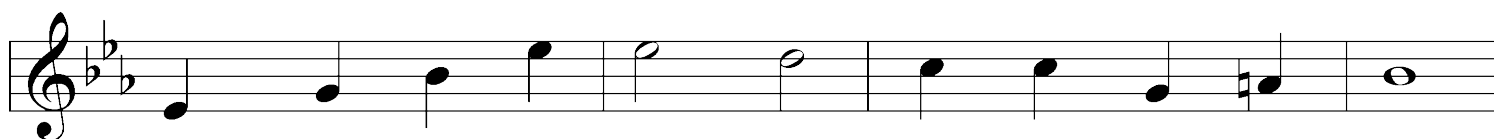
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**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.**

**#662, *Onward, Christian Soldiers***



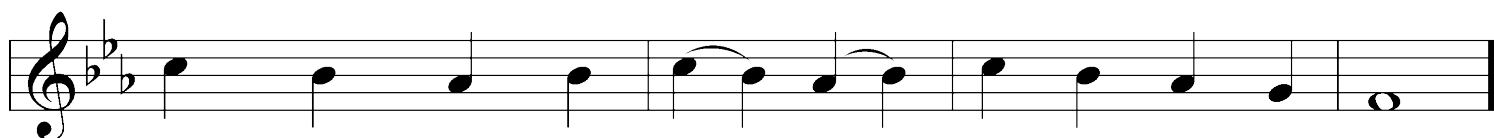
1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,  
 2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;  
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,  
 4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.  
 Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.  
 But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.  
 Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;  
 We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,  
 Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;  
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;

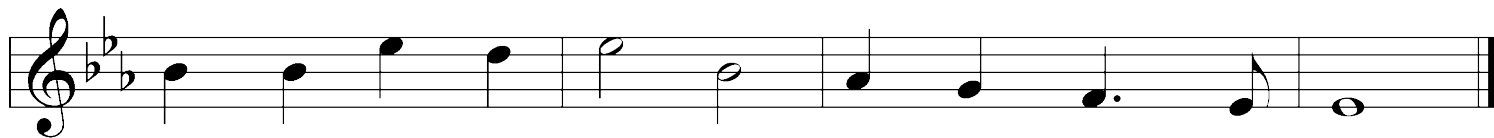


For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!  
 One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.  
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.  
 This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.

*Refrain*



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

## **The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes**

### **The Prayers of His Children**

P: Lord, in Your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

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 singing,

### **Sanctus**

*LSB 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!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

## **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 210*

**1 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.**

**2 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.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## **The Distribution of Holy Communion**

### ***#849, Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness***

**1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light; Praise the One who frees  
the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight. Praise the One who preached the  
Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease, Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
With the very Bread of peace.**

**2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word; Praise the One  
who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who  
brings cool water To the desert's burning sand; From this Well comes living  
water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place. Jesus died and rose  
victorious That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done; Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
Praise the One who makes us one.**

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### ***#761, Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me***

**1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure:  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**2 Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and  
Thou alone.**



**3 Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling. Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or  
I die.**

**4 While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death, When I soar to worlds  
unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.**

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–78  
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### **#763, *When Peace, like a River***

**1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
Refrain**

**ref It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for  
my soul. Refrain**

**3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O  
my soul! Refrain**

**4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a  
scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul.  
Refrain**

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Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all  
people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**Text: Stephen P. Starke**

**P: Together, we pray,**

**C: 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. Amen.**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**God's Benediction**

**#922 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing***

*sts. 1–4*

- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are My own. In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine  
forever. Go, My children, with My blessing— You are My own.**
- 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure. Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched  
Him, saw His glory. Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.**
- 3 Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me; Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free. Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort  
stilled you. Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace; I the Lord will smile upon you  
And give you peace: I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and  
Brother. Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.**

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***Postlude***