

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

Reformation Day (Observed)



Shining the light of Christ  
in the heart of the pines

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## **WELCOME TO EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

“How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!” (Psalm 84:1) We are thankful that God has brought you here with us this morning to hear His Word and receive His gifts! You’ll find everything you need for the worship service in this bulletin and in *Lutheran Service Book*, our hymnal. If you have any questions about our worship service, our congregation, or what we believe, please ask our pastor or any of our members.

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### **AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING:**

#### ***The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace***

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and “*remain in the house forever*” (John 8:35). For He is “*a friend of tax collectors and sinners*” (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “*to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people*” (Rev. 14:6), “*the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law*” (Rom. 3:21), “*that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus*” (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, “*whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith*” (Rom. 3:25), “*you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free*” (John 8:31–32).

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### **SERVANTS DURING WORSHIP THIS MORNING:**

Pastor – Rev. Dustin Beck  
Musician – Mark McClain

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**DIVINE SERVICE  
SETTING THREE  
WITH COMMUNION**

**Prelude**

Selected Music

**Welcome and Greeting**

**Opening Hymn**

*“Built on the Rock”*

LSB 645

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*(Hebrews 10:22)*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*(John 20:19-23)*

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Introit**

Read Together

*Psalms 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]  
and shall not be put to shame.  
I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.  
Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.  
*Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*  
I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]  
and shall not be put to shame.

**Kyrie**

*Mark 10:47*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

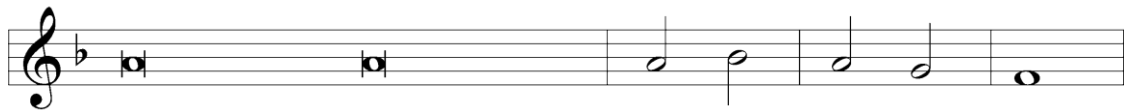
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



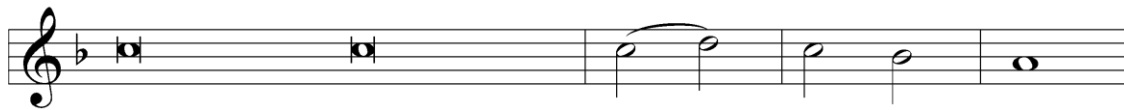
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



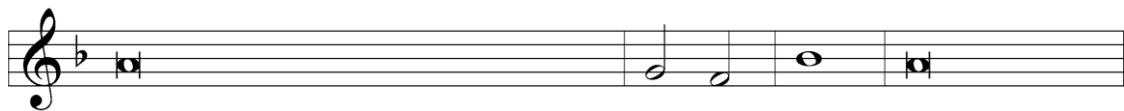
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

Read Together

*Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7*

**<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.**

**<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

**<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

**<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

**<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.**

**<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

**<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**<sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

**<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.**

**<sup>10</sup>“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

**<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

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## **Epistle Reading**

Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



## Alleluia



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

☐ 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.

**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.**

**Hymn of the Day**    *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”*

LSB 655

**Sermon**

Rev. Dustin Beck

**Offertory**

*Psalm 51:10-12*

□ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*(Please sign the attendance books as they are passed.)*

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** ...let us pray to the Lord:

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

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*Important Information about Holy Communion Today*

Today, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, in which our Lord Jesus Christ gives His true body and blood under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. This Sacrament is also a confession of the unity in faith, doctrine, and practice of those who receive it together.

If you are a confirmed member in good standing of Epiphany Lutheran Church or another congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we welcome you to commune with us today. However, if this is not the case, we ask that you refrain from communing today. If you have questions, please speak to the pastor. He would be happy to meet with you to talk about the blessings of church membership and arrange for you to be a part of our instruction leading toward reception of Holy Communion at Epiphany.

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

*(Colossians 3:1)*



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

*(Psalm 136)*



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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

*“Isaiah Mighty Seer in Days of Old”*

LSB #960

I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it  
did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that  
filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;  
Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their  
fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight,  
And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er  
called and praised the Lord: “Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth!  
Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of  
Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!” The beams and lin-tels  
trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

- 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."

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



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



**C** A - men.

# Agnus Dei

John 1:29



**■** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

**Distribution Hymn**     *“Our Father, Who from Heaven Above”*     LSB 766

## Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



**■** Lord, now letteth Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A-men.

## Thanksgiving

*Psalms 107:1*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## **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** A - men.



## Salutation and Benedicamus



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.

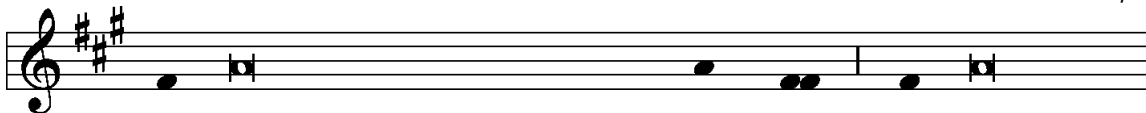
*(Psalm 103:1)*



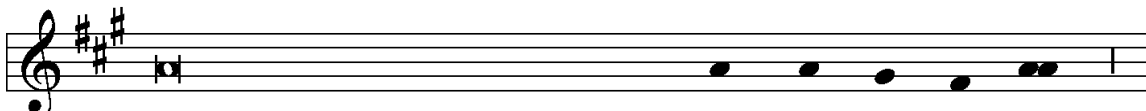
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

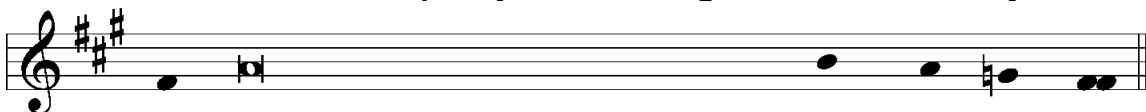
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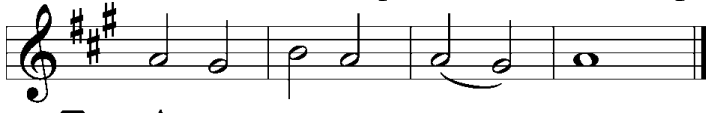
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn

*"A Mighty Fortress"*

LSB 656

## Announcements

## Postlude

Selected Music

## PRAYERS AT EPIPHANY

**MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:** Please share any prayer requests that need to be added to this list by sending an email to [secretary@epiphanybastrop.org](mailto:secretary@epiphanybastrop.org). If you have confidential prayer requests for the pastors to know about, please send an email to [pastor@epiphanybastrop.org](mailto:pastor@epiphanybastrop.org).

- Kathy Achterberg
- Richard Giro
- David Goeke
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Tonya Hettler
- Tonya Hettler
- Deebo and Norma Kunze
- Karen McDougall
- Dr. Charles Wukasch

### MISSIONARIES:

- **Mindy Thews (Asia, Taiwan)** – Pray for Mindy as she serves in Taiwan. Ask God to give her peace and strength as she continues to understand the culture and traditions and strives to acquire a stronger grasp of the language. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of the students and educators in the region, so all may come to know the saving power of Jesus Christ. Let us give thanks to God that Mindy is serving His children in this part of the world.
- **The Strozier Family (Eurasia)** – Pray for Herman and Sheila as they move to the Czech Republic and serve in the Eurasia region. Pray God gives them strength, patience, and peace as they transition to life overseas, learning the culture and the language. Ask God to strengthen them to boldly share the Gospel in their interactions with the other LCMS missionaries serving in this region, the local church partners, and those in the community in which they live and work. Let us give thanks to God that the Stroziers are serving his children in this part of the world.
- **The Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church** – Pray for Bishop Lytkin and the pastors who serve in what is one of the poorest regions of Russia as they raise monetary support for its congregations and pastors, as well as its seminary, which is one of only two remaining Lutheran seminaries (out of eleven founded after the fall of the Soviet Union) in all of Russia.

## **THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY:**

### **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – Reformation (Observed)**

- 10:00am – Bible Class
- 10:00am – Sunday School
- 11:00am – Fellowship / Coffee Time
- 11:30am – Worship Service with Communion
- Immediately Following the Service – Voters Meeting

### **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – All Saints' Day (Observed)**

- 10:00am – Bible Class
- 10:00am – Sunday School
- 11:00am – Fellowship / Coffee Time
- 11:30am – Worship Service with Communion

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**Lutheran Hour:** Next Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – “Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing” – Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way. (Matthew 5:4)

Hear The Lutheran Hour each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

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**Sanctity of Life:** We are created, preserved, and protected by our Father. Christ Jesus died and rose to redeem every life and the Holy Spirit strengthens us to love every life as someone for whom Christ died. Viewing life as valuable shapes our worldview and guides Christians to uphold the lives of the vulnerable. Christians are faced with issues of abortion, euthanasia, and physician assisted suicide. We come to these and other issues with a theology of life – life for all. As the Body of Christ, we seek to preserve every life created by God and value every life, whether the world sees them as valuable or not. The value given to life comes not from the world, but from the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of the world, our Holy and gracious God. Resources have been created to aid in education of congregations and institutions, advocacy for those vulnerable to loss of life, and service to all God’s created people: <https://makingdisciples-resources.lcms.org/sanctity-of-life-issues/#resources>.

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These days, conducting class at the Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, is sometimes difficult as professors turn to online means to provide pastoral instruction to students, especially those close to the conflict in Ukraine and those who are seeking instruction in countries surrounding Russia. Please continue to pray for the seminary and the *Save the Seminary Campaign* efforts. Your prayers mean so much, and your financial support is a genuine encouragement for the campaign team as we continue to build an endowment for the seminary. Learn more on our website, [savetheseminary.org](http://savetheseminary.org).

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