



*“The Love of God Written
upon Our Hearts”*

Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 11:00 am

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
(Contemporary Service)**

AS WE GATHER

The Israelites repeatedly had broken the covenants God made with them, and yet in today's Old Testament Reading He promises a new covenant. This one, however, will not be based on the external Law of God; by pure grace, it will be written on the hearts of God's people. To do that, God sent His Son, who paid for all sin by offering Himself as both priest and sacrifice. Although we are all imperfect, knowing that we have been forgiven only by the grace of God, we have the desire to love one another. As we recall our Lord's Passion in the coming weeks, we will recognize that love means forgiving, giving oneself for others. Jesus puts it bluntly in the Gospel: The greatest in the kingdom of God is the one who serves all the others. And, of course, the greatest is our Lord Jesus, who loves us to death.

WE WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Epiphany Lutheran Church offers many resources and programs to help you and your children grow in your faith relationship with Jesus Christ. Quiet activity bags for your little ones are available on the coat tree outside the sanctuary doors. Our nursery has staffed personnel every Sunday from 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM. The nursery is not staffed on Saturday night, but still available for your use. Well children, ages infant to four (4) years, are welcome. ***There are new requirements to ensure the health and safety of our children posted on the nursery doors.*** Each Sunday morning worship service has a special children's message, and we offer Sunday school, except for holidays, for ages 3-adult at 9:30 am. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or elder to direct you to the bathrooms, nursery, or classrooms.

Please stand for portions of service marked with asterisk (*).

RINGING OF THE BELL

THE WELCOME

Pastor Chris Matthis

ELDER PRAYER

***OPENING MEDLEY** *“Before the Throne of God Above”*

Shane and Shane

***Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, and perfect plea:
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.***

***My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.***

***When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin.***

***Because a sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me***

***Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the One,
Risen Son of God!***

***Behold him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!***

***One in himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by his blood-----
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God***

***Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the One,
Risen Son of God! REPEAT***

“Lead Me To The Cross”

Chris & Conrad

***Savior I come, quiet my soul... remember
Redemptions hill, where Your blood was spilled... for my ransom
Everything I once held dear, I count it all as lost***

*Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh lead me
Lead me to the cross*

*You were as I, tempted and tried, You are
The word became flesh bore my sin and death... now You're risen
Oh, everything I once held dear, I count it all as lost*

*Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh lead me*

*Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart*

*Lead me to the cross, where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh lead me, lead me to the cross*

+ PREPARATION +

***INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of ✠ the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 31:31-34

("I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sins no more.")

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 119:9-16

Pastor: How can a young man keep his way pure?

People: By guarding it according to Your word.

Pastor: With my whole heart I seek You;

People: let me not wander from Your commandments!

Pastor: I have stored up Your word in my heart,

People: that I might not sin against You.

Pastor: Blessèd are You, O LORD;

People: teach me Your statutes!

Pastor: With my lips I declare

People: all the just decrees of Your mouth.

Pastor: In the way of Your testimonies I delight

People: as much as in all riches.

Pastor: I will meditate on Your precepts

People: and fix my eyes on Your ways.

Pastor: I will delight in Your statutes;

People: I will not forget Your word.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 5:1-10

(Jesus is our high priest after the order of Melchizedek.)

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 10:32-45

("The Son of Man came...to serve.")

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Laura Hefta

SERMON SONG

"10,000 Reasons"

Matt Redman

***Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name***

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
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***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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.

OFFERING

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7). We give our tithes and offerings to God as an act of worship in gratitude for the gifts He has first given us. If you wish to give electronically using a credit card or automated bank withdrawal, please scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit www.epiphanylc.org and click on GIVE. As good stewards, please use credit wisely.



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***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SENDING SONG

"Forever"

Chris Tomlin

*Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise*

*With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise*

*Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever*

*From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise*

*(2xs): Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever*

Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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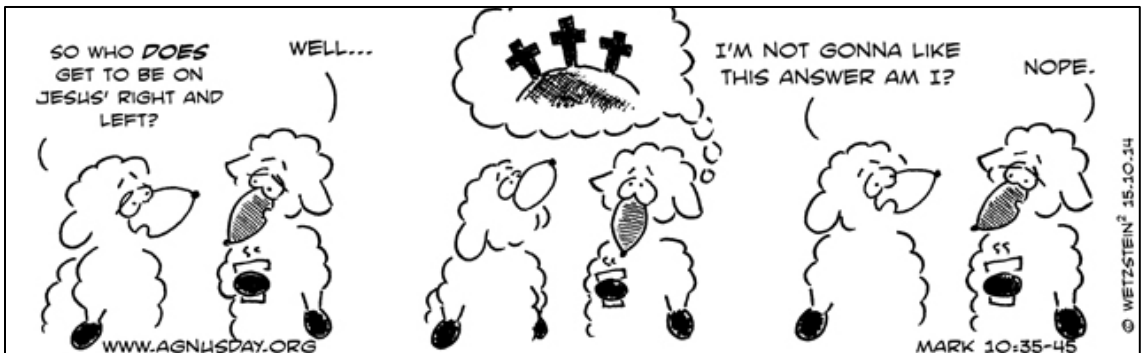
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STEWARDSHIP VERSE

We should always be prepared to give to the needs of others,
especially as prompted by the Holy Spirit.

"But if anyone has the world's goods
and sees his brother in need,
yet closes his heart against him,
how does God's love abide in him?" (1 John 3:17)

CARTOON OF THE WEEK



Holy Week Services

April 1st, 7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday (with Holy Communion)

April 2nd, 7:00 pm – Good Friday Service

April 3rd, 5:00 pm – Easter Service (with Communion)

April 4th, 8:00 am & 9:30 am & 11:00 am –
Resurrection Sunday (with Holy Communion)

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL EGG HUNT!

The annual Epiphany Easter Egg Hunt is back in 2021! Come join us on Saturday, April 3rd, at 9:30 AM. We will have crafts, a special message, and plenty of treat-filled eggs for all! Feel free to tell neighbors and relatives.

We also need YOU! We are looking for volunteers to assist with the event, and we are collecting donations of wrapped candy (no nuts, please) and small stickers or toys to place inside the eggs. We can use a few dozen plastic eggs, as well. A bucket will be available for contributions. A sign-up sheet is available at church, as well as a collection bucket for items.

SERVING THE LORD THIS WEEKEND

(March 20-21, 2021)

Readings: *(Old Testament)* Jeremiah 31:31-34 *(Psalm)* Psalm 119:9-16
(Epistle) Hebrews 5:1-10 *(Holy Gospel)* Mark 10:32-45

	5:00 pm	8:00 am	11:00 am
Preacher	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>	<i>Pastor Chris Matthis</i>
Elders	<i>Todd Rychecky</i>	<i>Mitch Arndt</i>	<i>Mitch Arndt</i>
Accompanist	<i>Alexander Tran</i>	<i>Alexander Tran</i>	<i>Praise Team</i>
Sound System		<i>Mike Kozimko</i>	<i>Tim Schneider</i>
Video			<i>Tim Schneider</i>
Acolytes			<i>Micah Lindahl</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Karen Engebretson</i>		
Children's Message		<i>Noye Balmer</i>	<i>Laura Hefta</i>
Nursery		<i>Ev Dawson</i>	<i>Ev Dawson</i>
Greeters			
Lectors	<i>Chuck Jones</i>	<i>Don Gilbreath</i>	<i>Joy Jensen</i>
Snacks	<i>Suspended</i>	<i>Suspended</i>	<i>Suspended</i>
Ushers			<i>Larry Drees</i>



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