

# "Seeing as God Sees, Loving as God Loves"

Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 5:00 pm Sunday, May 9, 2021 at 8:00 am & 11:00 am

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mother's Day Weekend)

#### **AS WE GATHER**

"In the sight of God" is a phrase used throughout Scripture. It reminds us of God's unceasing care and concern for His creation. In Proverbs: "Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man" (Proverbs 3:3–4). All our life is in God's amazingly loving sight as He watches over all His creation and especially over people. Out of love for Christ and one another, we can strive to see others around us in the same way that God sees them.

#### 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. 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 (\*).

#### THE PRELUDE

"Piano Concerto No. 21 in C major, K. 467"

Alexander Tran, Accompanist by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

ORGAN CHIME

THE WELCOME Pastor Chris Matthis



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# + PREPARATION +

# \*INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

# \*OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 146:1-2, 5, 10

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

Pastor: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Pastor: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

People: whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Pastor: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

People: Praise the LORD!

#### \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

People: Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our

sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.

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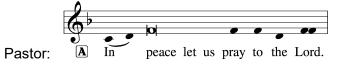
Pastor: God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears

our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  ${\tt \Psi}$  Son

and of the Holy Spirit.

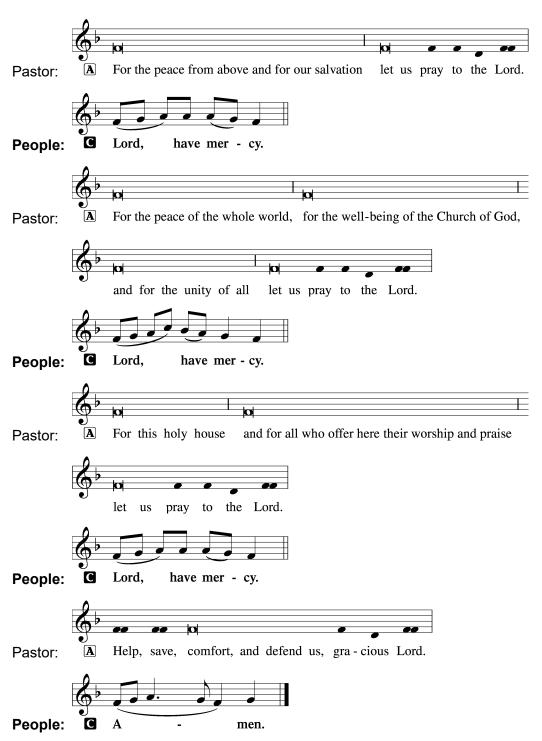
People: Amen.

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People: C Lord, have mer - cy.





## \*SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant

that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and

reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Acts 10:34-48

(Pew Bible pg. 919)

(Peter baptizes the household of Cornelius)

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

(Pew Bible pg. 1023)

(By this we know love...)

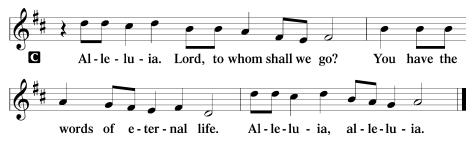
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*ALLELUIA LSB pg. 156



\*HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

(Pew Bible pg. 902)

(Greater love has no one than this...)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my

Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**SPECIAL MUSIC** 

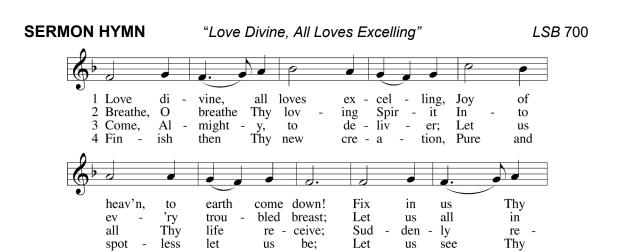
"You and I"

Children's Choir

(8:00 am only)

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DCE Kristin Schmidt (8:00); Marcy Pore (11:00)





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**SERMON** Pastor Chris Matthis

#### \*CONFESSION OF FAITH

The 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 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 shall come again with glory to

judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall 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 "Ave Maria" by JS Bach/C Gounod

"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.

If you wish to mail your gift, send your check to Epiphany Lutheran Church, 550 E. Wolfensberger Rd., Castle Rock, CO 80109.

#### **CLICK HERE TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY**

Members, Visitors, Friends, and Relatives: Please take a moment to note your attendance with us today on the appropriate sheet in the attendance folders at the ends of each row. This not only helps us to know who is worshipping here with us, but also, we can let you know of upcoming activities here at Epiphany.

Folders will be collected by ushers at the end of the service.

#### \*MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Pastor:

Let us pray. Dearest Lord Jesus, our heavenly Father blessed You with an earthly mother who believed and obeyed God's Word and lovingly cared for You even from conception. On this Mother's Day, we give You thanks for our mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, and other special women You placed in our lives to love, protect, guide, and teach us. Help us always to honor our mothers, serve and obey them, love and cherish them. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

#### \*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition is read Pastor says, "Lord in Your mercy," and Congregation responds with, "hear our prayer."

## +SACRAMENT+

**\*PREFACE** LSB pg. 160

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

# \*WORDS OF OUR LORD (Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25)

Pastor: 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 \( \Pi \) 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

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death

until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Revelation 22:20

# \*LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

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 PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.



#### RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper, also known as Holy Communion or the Eucharist, is celebrated at Epiphany Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins, and to strengthen our unity with Christ and our Christian brothers and sisters. Our Lord invites to His table those baptized Christians who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive others as He loves and forgives us. Scripture urges us to examine our conscience and belief about Holy Communion before we partake of the Supper (1 Cor. 11:28). Because those who partake of the Lord's Supper unworthily do so to their great harm, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder. For further study, see Matthew 26:26-29; 5:23-26; 18:15-35; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:17-34.

Children and uninstructed youth and adults may receive a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest, which is known as the sign of St. Andrew's cross.

White grape juice and gluten free Communion wafers are available for those with alcohol sensitivity or gluten intolerance.

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN



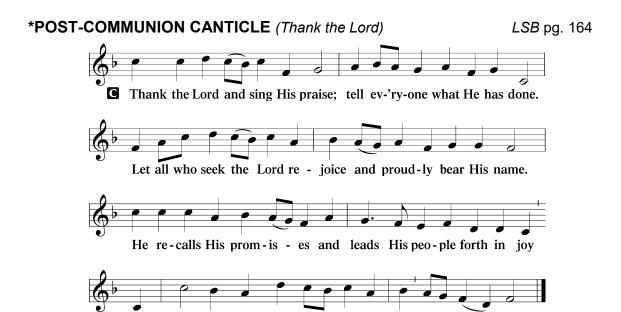
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#### \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in the fellowship of the Church and together with all the saints do the good works that You desire us to do, reflecting Your amazing love for

us. This we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.



#### \*BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless You and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-

be gracious to you; the Lord look on you with favor and ₱ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

People: Amen.

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#### SERVING THE LORD THIS WEEKEND

(May 8-9, 2021)

Readings: (First Reading) Acts 10:34-48

(Second Reading) 1 John 5:18 (Holy Gospel) John 15:9-17

	5:00 pm	8:00 am	11:00 am
Preacher	Pastor Chris Matthis	Pastor Chris Matthis	Pastor Chris Matthis
Elders	Michael Huntley	Joel Crosswhite	Larry Drees
Accompanist	Alexander Tran	Alexander Tran	Alexander Tran
Sound System	Casey Burnham	Casey Burnham	Casey Burnham
Video	Kirk Anderson		
Acolytes	Natalie Abresch	Ava Sprankle	
Altar Guild	Karen Engebretson		Jeanine Yenni
Children's Message	DCE Kristin Schmidt	DCE Kristin Schmidt	Marcy Pore
Nursery		Ev Dawson	Ev Dawson
Greeters			
Lectors	Mary Ellen Fuller	Don Gilbreath	Larry Drees
Snacks	Dusty Abresch & Krista Kapp	MaryAnn & Jerry Sundby	
Ushers		M. Arndt	



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