

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Reflecting God's generosity by serving and caring

5th Sunday of Easter | May 3, 2026 | 9:00am

Prelude

Laurie Thorstad

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk and Special Music

Duane Anderson

Call to Worship

L: Alleluia! He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: **Shine, Jesus, Shine**

hymn 671

Confession and Forgiveness

L: We worship in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sin, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Silence for reflection

L: Compassionate God,

C: We confess to you all our sin. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. Forgive us for what we have done and for what we have left undone. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

L: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

C: Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

C: God of the unknown, Your mysteries are astounding. Give us knowledge where you see fit, and let us sit comfortably with that which we can never understand. Amen.

Children's Chat

Gospel Acclamation

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Scripture Reading: Acts 17:16-31

New Testament page 120

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Sarah Deutsch

Hymn of the Day: **In Christ Called to Baptize**

hymn 575

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of Intercession

L: ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Hymn: **Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow**

hymn 884

Offering Prayer

L: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as resurrection people, people of forgiveness and hope, in the world that you love.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Preface

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: **Abide with Me**

hymn 629

Blessing

L: May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

L: May 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. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: **Rise Up, O Saints of God!**

hymn 669

Dismissal

L: Go in peace, Christ is risen for you!

**C: He is risen indeed! We go reflecting God's generosity by serving and caring.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude

PRAYER REQUESTS

Cathy Anderson	Ken Anderson	Becky Baer	Mark Buesing
Henry Hanson	Warren Hase	Mark Hobbs	Gary Johnson
Barb Liptrap	Eli Mauthe	Andrea Myers	Dennis Ninow
Tracy Enz	Linda Kiecker	Chelcy Tullgren	Barb Youell

- All serving in the military: especially Garrison & Megan Pfeffer (US Air Force)
- Our church family living with cancer: Sue Nasinec, Gloria Ideker, and others.

PRAISES

- Duane Johnson for sharing his temple talk and special music.
- Dennis Halloway for mowing.

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