

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Reflecting God's generosity by serving and caring

Sixth Sunday of Easter | May 5, 2024 | 9:00am

Prelude

Laurie Thorstad

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Alleluia! He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn: **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

hymn 836

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Congregation: Amen.

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us confidently stand before the resurrected Christ, confessing our sin.

C: Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling, and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

L: Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. You are called to new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven, and reconciled to God, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Chat/Teen Talk

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

New Testament page 113

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98

Old Testament page 514

The psalm will be read responsively by verse. Please respond with every other verse, which are also in bold on the screen.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

New Testament page 213

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW page 188

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

New Testament page 96

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Sarah Deutsch

Hymn of the Day: **Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

hymn 377

The 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 Blessings Flow**

hymn 884

The Great Thanksgiving & Preface

ELW page 190

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW page 190

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

Anyone who is baptized, believes Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, and has received instruction in the Sacrament is welcome to commune with us, regardless of church membership. Those who do not partake in the Lord's Supper, are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Hymn: **Beautiful Savior**

hymn 838

Blessing

L: May God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: **Jesus Loves Me!**

hymn 595

Dismissal

L: Alleluia! He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

L: Go in peace!

C: We go reflecting God's generosity by serving and caring. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Prayer Requests

Matt Anderson	Barb Arndt	Mark Buesing	Jan Galema
Henry Hansen	Chris Hughes	Gary Johnson	Avari Frederick
Linda Kiecker	Lisa Kiecker	Chris Price	Barbra Ries
Barb Youell	Eli Mauthe	Becky Baer	Tracy Enz
Kathy Lang	Ardie Jurgens	Aiyana Davis	Jim Cleary

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

Praises

- Dennis Hallaway for mowing the lawn.

Announcements

- Quarterly statements are available to pick up in the narthex.
- Today is the last day of faith formation for the season.
- Women's Bible Study is tomorrow at 11:30am.
- May 8th is the last day of Confirmation.
- May 11th is the Synod Assembly.
- May 16th is Starlight Early Learning Center Graduation
- RLC Women's Retreat is Saturday, May 18th. The registration forms can be found below the happenings board. The suggested donation is \$15 to be collected the day of the event.

Sunday Morning Volunteer Schedule

	May 5	May 12
Greeter	Duane Anderson & Jane Carter	Kathy Gerdes
Reader	Winnis Buesing	Katie Sieberg
Communion Servers	Lisa Nagel & Donna Nielsen	Winnis Buesing & Amy Ely
Ushers	Dean Nagel & Ray Weber	Tom Wellner & Laurie Gerdes
Acolyte	Noah	Harvey
Open/Close	Bernita Geving & Kari Severson	Laurie Gerdes & Dave Kerr
Counters	Lisa Nagel & Sarah Weber	TBA & Tom Wellner
Altar Guild	Donna Nielsen & Amy Ely	Donna Nielsen & Amy Ely
Fellowship	Carol Regnier, Korey Leiferman, Cheryl Wellner	Tomm Wellner & Terry Weber Johnson, Dave & Judy Kerr, Carol Krueger

Income & Expenses at a Glance

	3/31/2024	YTD 2024
Income	\$16,172	\$41,995
Expenses	-\$12,190	-\$38,124
Net gain/loss	\$3,983	\$3,831

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