

**Epiphany Lutheran Church**

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**3rd Sunday of Easter**

April 14, 2024 – 8:00 & 10:15 am  
*Worship on Sundays: 8:00 & 10:15 am*  
*Worship on Mondays: 7:00 pm*  
Richard L. Hartman - Pastor

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## Lutheran Book of Worship

Setting Two (*green hymnal*)

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

*The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.*

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### PRELUDE

*You are invited to let this prelude turn your heart to the Lord and prepare you to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C: Amen**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Gracious God

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen**

**OPENING HYMN 671 "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"**

**REFRAIN - Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia give praise to his name.**

- 1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth, he is the king of creation.**
- 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth, Jesus has died and has risen.**
- 3. We have been crucified with Christ, Now we shall live forever**
- 4. God has proclaimed the just reward. Life for all people, alleluia.**
- 5. Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior.**

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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** *(spoken)*

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy**

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **SALUTATION**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(unison)*

**Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## **FIRST LESSON Acts 3:12-19**

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection. God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

## **PSALM 4** *(responsively by verse Leader/Congregation)*

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? Selah**

<sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

<sup>4</sup>**When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Selah**

<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**There are many who say, “O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!”**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.**

## **SECOND LESSON 1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter, beginning with the 36th verse.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL Luke 24:36b-48**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

## **SERMON**

## HYMN OF THE DAY 518 “*Beautiful Savior*”

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring.  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high.  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!

### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made  
man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through  
the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world,  
and all those in need of good news. *A brief silence.*

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and  
blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have and find in generosity, abundant life.  
God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and  
protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace, **HEAR OUR  
PRAYER.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope and uncertainty, we pray especially for these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family...*Sarah, Don, Vera, Jim, Barb, Sara, George, Sandi, Karen, Richard, Sue* and for those whom we now lift up from our hearts. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. as we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **AMEN**

## **PEACE**

L: Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: and also with you**

*You are invited to greet one another with the "Peace of the Lord" or similar words.*

**OFFERINGS** can be mailed, dropped off at church or sent through our website at [www.epiphanyfw.com](http://www.epiphanyfw.com).

If you are worshipping in person please  
***place offering in basket on baptismal font.***

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

L: Merciful God,

**C: it would have been enough for you to give us the fruit of the earth by which we live. But in this meal, by your promise, you also give us yourself. Use what we have gathered here in feeding the hungry world with your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **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.**

## **BLESSING**

L: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN 149** *"This Joyful Eastertide"*

**This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!**

**My love the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.**

**Had Christ who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison.**

**Our faith had been in vain.**

**But now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen.**

**But now is Christ arisen!**

**DISMISSAL**

**L: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

*Thank you for sharing your time and talents!*

**Leaders 8:00**

**Pianist**

**Leaders 10:15**

**Lector 8:00**

**Lector 10:15**

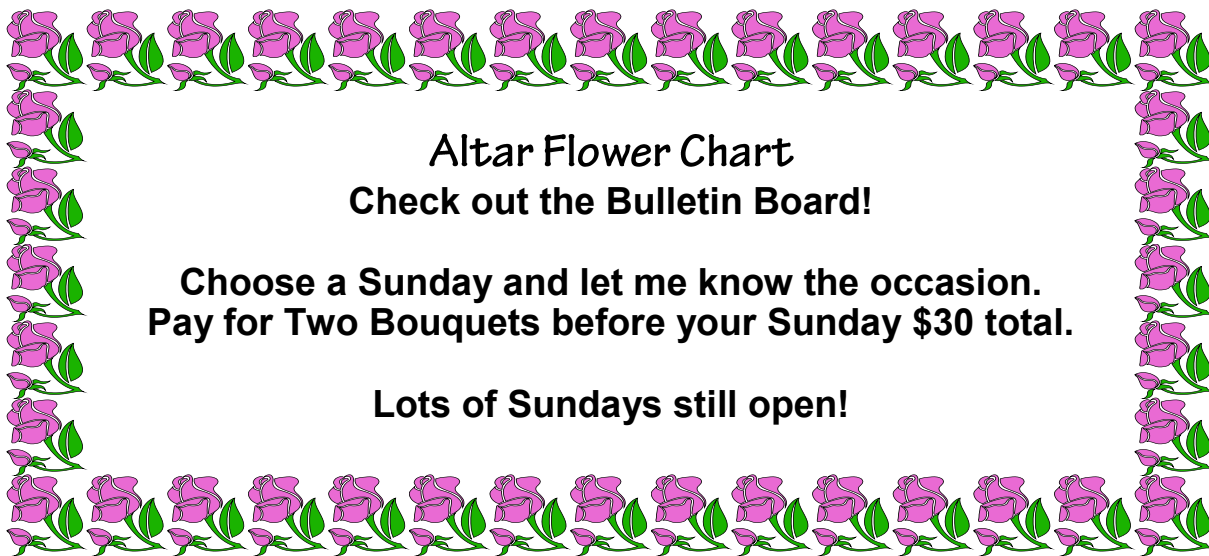
Sue Johnson & Steve Haag

Alicia Davis

Rebecca Norberg & Steve Haag

Sue Johnson

Mark Herb



**Altar Flower Chart**

**Check out the Bulletin Board!**

**Choose a Sunday and let me know the occasion.  
Pay for Two Bouquets before your Sunday \$30 total.**

**Lots of Sundays still open!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**April Outreach** - Collecting for the Health kits and Layette. Items needed now:  
Bath towels, hand towels, baby blankets (no Fleece), receiving blankets, toothbrushes, combs and nail clippers.

**Layette items/watch garage sales** - baby clothes 6 months to 2T  
Shirts long and short sleeved, pants, socks, sleepers no feet, gowns, hats, receiving blankets, mild bar soap and baby blankets.

**Quilt items/watch garage sales** - for blankets, sheets, mattress pads that we can use as middles and backs.

**Ushers/Greeters** - At the last Congregational meeting we talked about bringing back this function for Epiphany. I have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board . We did have some in place for Palm Sunday and Easter.

**ALTER FLOWERS** - There are lots of Sunday's available for flowers *April 21st.+ June 30th, July 14th, August 18th, September 1st, 22nd and 28th, November 3rd, 10th and 24!*

**Military Outreach** - Current items needed – Slim Jim's, Beef Jerky (1.25 oz.) Gum, mints, chewy granola bars, power bars, drink mixes, individual servings of coffee, flavored drinks, Emergen-C

## CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY 4-14</b>	8:00am & 10:15am 12:00- 3:30pm	Worship <i>Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 pm	NO WORSHIP
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:00 pm	Hillsboro Board Meeting in Library
<b>SATURDAY</b>	1:00- 3:00 pm 11:00am-12:00pm 6:00pm - 8:00 pm	Trustees Office Shred Day Zo Baptist prayer meeting/undercroft Zo Baptist Worship



Jared Meunier - April 19th!

Fred Osheskie - April 19th!

Lillian and John Anderson  
April 16th - 42 years!