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**EPIPHANY**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# WHAT WE CAN DO: RESPONDING TO GOD'S GENEROSITY

*What is possible for us to do in response to God's lavish generosity? God's gifts come to particular people, in particular places, in particular times. Because we are made in God's image, we, too, uniquely embody God's steadfast abundance, love, and mercy. We are equipped to be generous where we are. Drawn more deeply into the body of Christ, we are reminded of our belovedness, and we can respond with generosity, love, and service on behalf of our neighbors.*

PRELUDE

**Aleluya (Alleluia)**

Anonymous; Arr. by Leslie Gomez, c. 1986

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

**All My Hope on God Is Founded (ELW 757)**

by Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

### VERSE 1

All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew,  
who through change and chance will guide me, only good and only true.  
God unknown, God alone, call my heart to be thine own.

### VERSE 2

Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust;  
what with care and toil we fashion, tow'r and temple, fall to dust.  
But thy pow'r, hour by hour, is my temple and my tow'r.

### VERSE 3

Great thy goodness, e'er enduring; deep thy wisdom, passing thought;  
splendor, light, and life attend thee, beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore from thy store newborn worlds rise and adore.

### VERSE 4

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising for the gift of God's own Son.  
Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

## ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity,† one God, the giver of all good, the source of all joy.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence For Reflection*

A: God of all,

**C: You have given us all that we need and you ask that we share your abundance. We confess that we have not responded to your call to be open channels of your grace. We clench our fists when you ask for open hands; we close our minds when you ask for grace toward our neighbors. Open our hearts to live in the abundance of your creation; loosen our grip and restore our souls, that we may freely give and receive. Amen.**

A: Beloved in Christ, God makes all things new. In the name of Christ, + you are forgiven. Your hearts are unfurled; your grasping is unbound. You are free to live as flowing streams of God's abundant grace.

**C: Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.*

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

**C: And also with you.**

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of abundance, you created the world and all that is in it. Release our grip on the things that possess us, opening our hands to the generosity you call us to give and receive. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

## THE WORD

### JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong.  
they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me (X3)  
the Bible tells me so.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING

### **AMOS 5:6-7, 10-15**

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you who turn justice to wormwood and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live, and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

### A RESONSIVE READING

### **PSALM 90:12-17**

L: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

**C: Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!**

L: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**C: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many years as we have seen evil.**

L: Let your work be manifest to your servants and your glorious power to their children.

**C: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!**

### A SECOND READING

### **HEBREWS 4:12-16**

Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

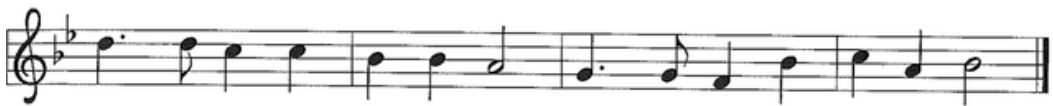
**C: Thanks be to God.**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## THE GOSPEL READING

## LUKE 18:18-27

*(Congregation standing)*

L: The Holy Gospel of St. Luke, beginning in the eighteenth chapter.

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

A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery. You shall not murder. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.' " He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

But when he heard this, he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" He replied, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



## PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS & A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### The Church of Christ in Every Age (ELW 729)



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

### 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, 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 THE PEOPLE

A: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

*Each petition shall conclude with:*

A: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*the Prayers conclude:*

A: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## MISSION MOMENT

# THE MEAL

## THE OFFERING

## MUSICAL OFFERING

**I Will Sing of Your Love, Love, Love**

Christopher Grundy

## THE OFFERTORY

**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray together.

**C: God of life, You have blessed us with every good gift. Open us to share all that we have been given and to love the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts!

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.**



## HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles. Communion is by intinction. We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.*

*Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.*

*Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.*

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION SONG

**St. Anthony Chorale**  
Johannes Brahms

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace until life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Let us pray together.

**C: Abundant God, You have nourished us with life, love, and grace.**

**Fill us to the brim with your care, that we may go into the world  
with open arms and open hearts to share your peace with the world.**

**Amen.**

# THE SENDING

## THE BENEDICTION

P: May God bless you and keep you.  
May God's mercy flow freely through you.  
May you be filled with the abundance of God's love ✠,  
and held in God's peace.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### **Build Your Kingdom Here**

by Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson, William Herron

### **VERSE 1**

Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church  
We need Your pow'r in us

### **VERSE 2**

We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth

### **CHORUS**

Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray

### **VERSE 3**

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSED & SENT TO SERVE

A: This little light of mine...

**C: I'm gonna let it shine!**

A: Jesus calls us to surrender our dependence on things other than God so that we might follow him, unburdened. Real meaning is found, not in wealth or self-importance, but in being a humble disciple of Jesus in community with one another. It is here that we fill our hearts with God's love and are empowered to share it with others. May we continue to help those in need and share in the good news of Jesus until...

**C: Everyone knows that God loves them!**

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

**C: Thanks be to God!**



## POSTLUDE

*If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am if you did not make notes. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources.*

*\*\* Our services are live-streamed and recorded for later viewing. We also utilize images from our services and activities on our website. If you do not want images of you or your family on our website, please inform us via an email to [communications@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:communications@epiphanysuwanee.org).*



# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am (in-person and online)

**Ministers:** The People of God

**Pastor:** Chris Hermansen

**Minister of Youth:** Kris Perkola

**Director of Worship and Music:** Heather Hart, DMus

**Church Administrator:** Bonnie Bradberry

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#### **All My Hope on God Is Founded (ELW 757)**

Text: Joahchim Neander, 1650-1680; para. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

Music: Herbert Howells, 1892-1983 c. 1968 Novello & Co., Ltd., London

#### **Jesus Loves Me (ELW 595)**

Lyrics Anna Bartlett Warner (1859)

Music William B. Bradbury music, 1862  
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#### **Alleluia (ELW SETTING X)**

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#### **The Church of Christ in Every Age (ELW 729)**

Composer: William Knapp, 1698-1768

Author: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

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#### **I Will Sing of Your Love, Love, Love**

Christopher Grundy

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#### **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 182)**

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald Nelson, b. 1927

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ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

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#### **Build Your Kingdom Here**

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