

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020



“Forgive your
brother or sister
from your heart.”

MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV

Epiphany Lutheran Church

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Epiphany Lutheran Church Online Worship – Connecting People to Christ and One Another!

+ Preparation +

Welcome

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

(A brief time of silence for private confession)

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

+ *Service of the Word* +

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C **O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading – Genesis 50:15-21

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading – Romans 14:1-12

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 18:21-35

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Message

“The Forgiven Forgive”

Text: Matthew 18:21-35

LSB #523 “O Word of God Incarnate”

1 O Word of God incarnate,
 O Wisdom from on high,
 O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
 O Light of our dark sky:
 We praise You for the radiance
 That from the hallowed page,

A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.

2 The Church from You, dear Master,
 Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted
 O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
 That, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
 Still guides, O Christ, to You.

3 O make Your Church, dear Savior,
 A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations
 Your true light as of old!
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims
 By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
 They see You face to face!

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Apostles' Creed

☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayer of the Church

Following, "Lord, in Your mercy," please respond, "**hear our prayer**".

Lord’s Prayer

C **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.**

+ Service of the Sacrament +

The Words of Our Lord and Pax Domini

Benediction

P 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.

C **Amen.**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Feel free to mail in your offering
to Epiphany during this time.**

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Readings for Next Sunday, September 20th:

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Matthew 20:1-16

ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS WITH DCE ALANNA - We have started a new devotional series on Thursday, using Lutheran Hour Ministries' daily devotions as a base for our study each week! These devotions will be posted on Facebook each Thursday morning at 10 am and are posted to our YouTube page by Thursday afternoon. To make these more accessible, there will be an email sent out on Wednesday afternoon with the link to our Facebook page and our YouTube page, so that you may find them easily on Thursday. This fall, these devotions will go in a 6-week cycle with a one week break in between, so if there is a topic that you would love to dive into, please let DCE Alanna know!

WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY - The WMBS (Women's Morning Bible Study) will be starting back up THIS Wednesday, September 16th. Due to Covid-19, we are going to look and do things a little different this year; however, I believe it will be a great year of exploration. This year we will be delving into the Book of Matthew as well as Max Lucado's "Unshakable Hope".

We will be gathering via Zoom format at 9:30AM on Wednesdays. You will be sent a zoom invitation each week. If you have any questions about the process of zoom, please do not hesitate to call me at 425-522-4493. Invite your friends, grab your treats and beverage of your choice and I look forward to seeing you very soon. – Heidi Goodman

FALL 2020 YOUTH GROUP will kick off on September 15th as we dive into our first study on the book of James! Join us at 3 pm for time to check in with each other, Bible study and a game or two! Text or email DCE Alanna if you need the Zoom link!

CONFIRMATION will be starting up soon for the 2020-2021 school year! DCE Alanna will be sending out packets this week that include the handbook and the schedule for the year! If you haven't filled out the Google Forms survey, please do so ASAP so

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that we can make our plans accordingly! If you need a new link to the survey, please email DCE Alanna!

THE FALL INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY will start September 30th at 7 pm on Zoom with Pastor Iben! Be on the lookout for an email the week before with the link and the first lesson! Join us as we continue our study of Jesus through the four Gospels!

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN SCHOOL IN SEATTLE is looking for another afterschool care teacher Monday-Friday from 3 pm- 6 pm and another teacher only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-6 pm. Please contact Christine Malone, Concordia Lutheran School Administrator at 206-525-7407 or cmalone@concordiaseattle.com if you are interested.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for October thru December 2020 are available in the box by the entry. Please feel free to pick them up at your convenience while of course maintaining social distancing.

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