

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2020



Epiphany Lutheran Church

Arrowhead-Inglemoor Preschool

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Epiphany Lutheran Church – 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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

Confession and Absolution

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered in spirit to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, we first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people we take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner".

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

(A time of silence for personal 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 **Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading - Zephaniah 1:7-16

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 25:14-30

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Epiphany Virtual Choir – “Steadfast Love”

Message:

“Encourage One Another!”

Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Solo Sung by Emma Kearney

Nicene Creed

All: I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by Whom all things were made; Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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

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.**

+ 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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Next Sunday, November 22nd:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

I Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46

ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

EPIPHANY'S ANNUAL INTERGENERATIONAL

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is coming soon! 2020 has changed a lot of things, but our one constant is Jesus Christ and the love He showed for us in His humble birth in Bethlehem, which was such an exciting

event that we need to share it with the world! Join us this year as we retell the Christmas story with a slight twist... from our homes! We are looking for volunteers who are willing to record themselves in a scene or two from our exciting script "*The Evening Nazareth News*" by the Skit Guys - no memorization needed, costumes are up to you and you can be as goofy or as serious as you like! Ideally we need **groups of two or more** since all of the scenes have at least 2 characters, but if you are interested in helping out and don't know where you can plug in - just contact DCE Alanna and she will find a spot just for you! Sign up by contacting DCE Alanna, but do it fast because roles will be decided and scripts sent out by **November 22nd!**

NEEDED: Groups (same household only) or soloists who are willing to record either themselves or just their voices as special music pieces to add to the Intergenerational Christmas Program. Please contact DCE Alanna ASAP for more details!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Dec. 6th in the Epiphany Lutheran Church parking lot as we have held the last few meetings. Financial information will be sent to all members the week of Nov. 22nd.

DRIVE -THROUGH COMMUNION - Sunday's Drive-through Communion is available from 1-2PM.

OFFERING - Epiphany is accepting offerings either by mail, your bank's bill pay, or electronic giving through Vanco eGiving (formerly known as Simply Giving). Please email Semie if you would like to set-up electronic giving thru Vanco and she will provide you with a form. Of course, there is an opportunity to give your offering at the 9AM In-person Hybrid Service and during the Drive-through Communion 1-2PM.

THANKSGIVING - Join with us as we celebrate and give thanks for the many blessings that God has given us! Our special Thanksgiving Eve service will be held in-person at 7PM on Wednesday, November 25th

and will be available online on our website and Youtube channel. There will also be a Zoom social and service viewing time starting at 6:45PM on the 25th for those who would like to virtually fellowship together. Stay tuned for an email to be sent the Monday before with the Zoom link and information for joining the meeting.

WREATH PICK-UP REMINDER: Today is the last day to order Wreaths, and the pick-up days are right around the corner! You will have the opportunity to pick up your order in the Epiphany parking lot on:

- *Saturday, December 5th from 10 am - 12 pm*
- *Sunday December 6th from 9:45 - 11 am and before and after the Congregational Meeting*
- *Monday December 7th from 3:30 -5:30 pm.*

Pick-ups will be **drive-through only**, please stay in your car and a masked volunteer will put your wreath in your car for you!

THE FALL INTERGENERATIONAL BIBLE STUDY comes to a close THIS Wednesday at 7PM on Zoom with Pastor Iben! Be on the lookout THIS Monday for an email with the Zoom link and lesson! Join us as we continue our study of Jesus through the four Gospels!

SUPPORT COMPASS HOUSING ALLIANCE - Rather than a tree with tags this year the Social Ministry Committee is collecting adult size M to XXXL Winter coats (new or slightly used in good condition), hats, socks, and other winter needs for Compass Housing Alliance. In addition, we would like to continue to support them for the holidays by collecting gift cards from Fred Meyer, Amazon, and Target. Deadline for these donations is December 13th.

Please contact Jean Carpenter if you have any questions. Donations can be dropped off at Epiphany on Sundays at the 9 am Hybrid Service or during the Drive-through Communion from 1-2 pm.

WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY - The WMBS (Women's Morning Bible Study) continues THIS Wednesday at 10 am with our study of Max Lucado's "Unshakable Hope". If you would like to receive the Zoom link or have any questions about the process of Zoom, please call Heidi Goodman at 425-522-4493. Invite your friends, grab your treats and beverage. We look forward to seeing you very soon.

NEW DEVOTION SERIES FROM DCE ALANNA - Join us as we continue our devotional series on the book of Philippians from SheReadsTruth.com. These devotions will be available every Thursday by 10 am on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel. We conclude this series this Thursday, November 19th.

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