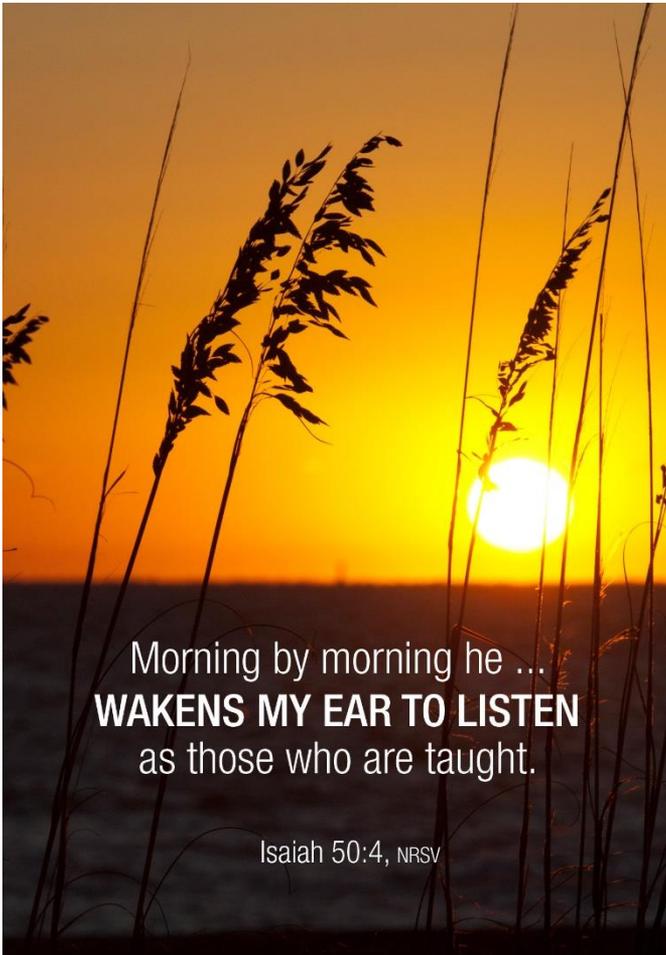


# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## September 12, 2021



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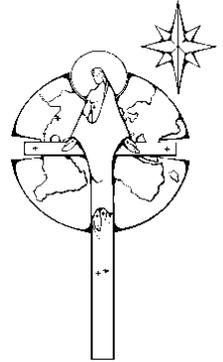
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# Epiphany Lutheran Church – Connecting People to Christ and One Another! Welcome, we are happy to have you here!

- We welcome you to worship, including the Lord's Supper. The following is a statement by one who receives Holy Communion at Epiphany: *"I have been baptized in the Name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. I confess and repent of my sin. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior and the Lord of my life. I believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and the wine of Holy Communion. I believe that in this Sacrament God gives me forgiveness of sins, eternal life and salvation."* Children and adults not receiving the Sacrament are invited to come forward for a blessing.
- We encourage families to worship with their children. There are blue binders with paper and crayons on the bookcase at the back of the Sanctuary for use during the service.
- Our Guests are invited to complete a worship card (found in the pew pocket), including prayer requests. Members are asked to use the worship card for prayer requests and updating contact information. Cards will be gathered by the ushers after the Gospel reading. Due to privacy concerns, we ask that if possible, permission be granted by the person for whom a prayer is requested. Thank you.
- Please silence your cell phones.
- We use the Lutheran Service Book for Liturgy and Hymns during the service - referenced as "LSB." Unless otherwise noted lyrics are projected on the screen.



## Welcome

### *LSB #528 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

#### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

#### Opening Sentences

- P** I called on the name of the Lord:  
**C** **O Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief!**
- P** The Lord has dealt bountifully with us.  
**C** **The Lord has opened our ears.**
- P** The Lord has delivered us from death.  
**C** **He wipes away tears from all faces.**
- P** He rescues our feet from stumbling  
**C** **and restores our tongues to proclaim His good news.**

#### Confession and Absolution

- P** Despite all of God’s actions on our behalf, we still struggle with sin in our lives. Our tongues still curse. Our feet still stumble. Our ears still listen to lies and vicious gossip. But our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him for restoration, renewal, and forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Heavenly Father,  
**C** **we have sinned against You and our neighbors in what we have said and what we have left unsaid. We have neglected opportunities to love our neighbors. We have stumbled and fallen again and again. We ask that You restore us, renew us, and forgive us on account of Jesus. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, in His boundless love sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to

die and rise for our forgiveness and eternal life. Because of Jesus, we are restored, body and soul. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We are renewed and restored. Amen.**

### Responsive Psalm 116:1-9

**P** <sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**C** <sup>2</sup>**Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

**P** <sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**C** <sup>4</sup>**Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

**P** <sup>5</sup>Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**C** <sup>6</sup>**The Lord preserves the simple; when I was brought low, He saved me.**

**P** <sup>7</sup>Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**C** <sup>8</sup>**For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

**P** <sup>9</sup>I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

**C Amen**

### Kyrie (*spoken*)

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** 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.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

### This is the Feast (*Sung - LSB page 171*)

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.  
**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain,  
 Whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
 Power and riches and wisdom and strength  
 and honor and blessing and glory are His.  
 This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.  
 Sing with all the people of God  
 and join in the hymn of all creation:  
 Blessing and honor and glory and might  
 be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
 This is the feast of victory for our God,  
 for the Lamb Who was slain has begun His reign.  
 Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**First Reading – Isaiah 50:4-10**

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading – James 3:1-12**

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Solo by Emma Kearney****Common Alleluia and Verse** (*sung - LSB page 173*)

- C** **Alleluia.**  
**Lord, to Whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel – Mark 9:14-29**

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**LSB #846 “Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”**

**Message:** *“Help My Unbelief”*

**Text:** *Mark 9:14-29*

**Apostles’ Creed**

- C** **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.**

## Offering

***LSB #783 "Take My Life and let It Be" vs 1 & 5***

## Prayer of the Church

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

## ***+ Service of the Sacrament +***

### Preface

**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 Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **Sanctus** (*Sung - Lutheran Service Book page 178*)

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

## 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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

### Distribution

*Please follow the usher's directions. Those who are able are invited to kneel at the railing. Hold your hand up to receive the host – this assists the Pastor or Deacon to recognize those desiring to commune. Individual cups of wine (red) or grape juice (white – in the center of the tray) will be offered. Place empty individual cups in the tray carried by the acolyte. Following the blessing, return to your seats by the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

### LSB #725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

**Thank the Lord** (*Sung - Lutheran Service Book page 181*)

- C** **Thank the Lord and sing His praise;  
 tell everyone what He has done.  
 Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice  
 and proudly bear His name.  
 He recalls His promises  
 and leads His people forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanksgiving.  
 Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Post-Communion Collect

#### 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.

### LSB #825 “Rise, Shine, You People”

- P** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

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**Next Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>:**

**Jeremiah 11:18-20; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37**

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**UPDATE ... THE FACILITY MATCHING FUND PROJECT** - Due to God's blessings and the congregation's generosity, we have collected funds to paint the church and replace the retaining wall. We have a little bit more to collect to fund the parking lot and the landscape projects. Would you prayerfully consider contributing to the facility fund so we can fund the last 2 projects? Keep an eye on the "jar of beads" in the entry way to see your donations grow. Please make sure you mark the envelope with your offering envelope number and that the donation is for the "FACILITY MATCHING FUND". Thank you, Epiphany, for your continued support. If you have any questions, please email Heidi Goodman at [heidig7235@comcast.net](mailto:heidig7235@comcast.net)

**OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED** - Now that we are back in church, we need to assemble four or five two-person teams to count the offering. Thank you, Vada and Dawn, for faithfully taking care of this weekly task all through the lock-down. Offering should be counted on Sunday after church service or Bible study and deposited in the overnight box at Chase in Kenmore. The process usually takes about an hour. Training is available for those who have not participated before. Please talk to Janet Broadus at church; email [janet@broadusclan.com](mailto:janet@broadusclan.com) ; or call or text @ 206-399-8811

**DIRECTORY UPDATE!** – Please review the copy of the directory in the Narthex to be sure that your contact information is current. You can add a personal email &/or cell phone number if you would like. Even if you have reviewed information in the past please do so again. I will be

printing the new directory in late September. Let Semie know if you have any questions or do not find yourself in the directory.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** - On September 22 at 10 am, we will begin a study of 1 and 2 Peter (Max Lucado) led by Lynn Junke. After the new year, we will dive into a study on Bible Study Methods (Rick Warren) led by Pastor Mueller. Also, interspersed throughout the schedule, Heidi Goodman will lead a study "With All Your Heart" (Ray Vander Laan), part of a video series that takes us to the Holy Land where we will explore the geographical and cultural areas of the Bible. We will be meeting on Zoom for the foreseeable future due to concern for the health of our community. Please join us for prayer, study and fellowship and invite a friend or two to attend! For questions contact Heidi Goodman at (425) 319-2338 or [heidig7235@comcast.net](mailto:heidig7235@comcast.net)

**LWML SUPPORTING HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF:** Please join LWML for Coffee Hour on Oct. 3. All donations will be forwarded to Haiti relief for the devastating earthquake that has impacted their country. The Nelson Family (Heidi, Brian, Mark) will match all proceeds.

**USHERS NEEDED** to greet and give direction to our members, guests, and visitors as they enter the Sanctuary throughout the Service. **If you'd like more information on being an Usher or Head Usher, including training and scheduling, contact Ted Rhoades at [Tedrhowades42@hotmail.com](mailto:Tedrhowades42@hotmail.com) or talk to any of our Deacons.**

**COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP** - The Fellowship Committee is asking for individuals and small groups to help serve refreshments after our worship service. A sign-up sheet is available to select a date. Coffee, tea, and paper supplies are in the kitchen. We ask that commercially prepared items be provided for everyone to enjoy and one or two people be in the kitchen to prepare and then clean up. The funds gathered can be designated to small groups or other special needs at Epiphany. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Thurmond: 206-947-1896 or Linda Fuerbringer: 425-485-5454.

| <b>Serving Today</b> |                                   |
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| <b>Deacons:</b>      | Ken Goodman and Ryan Erdmann      |
| <b>Ushers:</b>       | Maria Purpus and Karl Purpus      |
| <b>Musicians:</b>    | Kathy Peterson                    |
| <b>Lector:</b>       | Ed Stemple                        |
| <b>Greeter:</b>      | ELC BOD                           |
| <b>Coffee Hosts:</b> | Picnic at Big Finn Hill Park      |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>  | Vada Besch and Janet Broadus      |
| <b>Counters:</b>     | Janet Helseth and Melinda Troberg |
| <b>Power Point:</b>  | Matthew Stemple                   |
| <b>Flowers:</b>      | Chuck and Janet Broadus           |

| <b>Serving Next Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup></b> |                                  |
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| <b>Deacons:</b>                                      | Jim Raquse and Paul Brott        |
| <b>Ushers:</b>                                       | Ted Rhoades                      |
| <b>Musicians:</b>                                    | Kathy Peterson and Emma Kearney  |
| <b>Lector:</b>                                       | Beth Fox                         |
| <b>Greeter:</b>                                      | Wray Buck and Rachel Martin      |
| <b>Coffee Hosts:</b>                                 | OPEN                             |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>                                  | Melinda Troberg and Mary Abdi    |
| <b>Counters:</b>                                     | Lynn Junke and Jennifer Thurmond |
| <b>Power Point:</b>                                  | Alanna Davis                     |
| <b>Flowers:</b>                                      | <b>OPEN</b>                      |

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