

December 5, 2021



*Second Sunday
of Advent*

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Arrowhead-Inglemoor Preschool

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

- Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here. If we can do anything to serve you, please speak with an usher, deacon, or Pastor Mueller.
- Today's service will include Holy Communion. Those who communion share the confession of this congregation and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The following is what we confess together: *"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 my Lord. 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 the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation."* Children and adults not receiving the Sacrament are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are still learning about our confession, or if you hold a different confession, Pastor Mueller looks forward to speaking with you further about the blessings of the Lord's Supper.
- 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.

Divine Service LSB "Setting Two" page 167

+Preparation+

Welcome

LSB #343 "Prepare the Royal Highway"

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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and
for His sake forgives you all your 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.**

Kyrie (*spoken*)

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A 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 **Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament – Malachi 3:1-7b

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle – Philippians 1:2-11

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 – Luke 3:1-20

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please pass completed worship cards to the side aisles.)

LSB #344 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Sermon:

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

Text: Luke 3:1-20

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

Prayer of the Church

+ *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, right, and salutary 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 - LSB 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 † 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 † 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.
- G** **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. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Individual cups of wine (red) or non-alcoholic wine (white – in the center of the tray) will be offered. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Following the blessing, you may deposit your cup in the collection bowl located by each side aisle before returning to your seat.

LSB #820 "My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker"

Thank the Lord (*sung - LSB page 181*)

- G** **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 #936 "Sing Praise to the God of Israel"

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

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**Next Sunday December 12th:
 Intergenerational Christmas Program**

To the Congregational Members of Epiphany Lutheran:

The Board of Directors would like to invite you to the congregational meeting TODAY. The meeting will take place following a light snack after the service. One of the agenda items will be the passage of the 2022 Spending Plan. Copies of the proposed Spending Plan are on the table in the entrance. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Treasurer, Janet Broadus – janet@broadusclan.com or 206-399-8811

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Carbone, Barbara Dorsey, or Janet Broadus. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Your Board of Directors

INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - "Come to Bethlehem" is happening NEXT Sunday as a part of our 9 am worship service. We invite you and the whole family to join us for a look at God's plan of salvation for all, Jesus Christ born in a lowly stable in Bethlehem, and how He wove that plan throughout the history of the Bible through today! Stay after service for a special reception and chance to talk with the actors as we continue our celebration of the Advent and Christmas seasons together!

COLLECTION for LMSN CARE CENTERS - We are collecting items for nursing homes and care centers. Residents can use 2022 calendars, large print puzzle books like word finds and crossword puzzles, socks, knit hats, lap robes, wheelchair bags, fleece jackets, wall decorations, stuffed animals, blankets, magnifying glass, travel magazines, coloring materials, small whiteboards, etc. There will be a box in the narthex marked LMSN nursing home. Please bring your donations in by December 19TH or call Melinda 425-772-3520

GIVING TREE - Compass Housing Alliance has requested purchased gifts be no more than \$25 per item for the men's shelter, the women's shelter, and the low-cost housing for parents and children.

The following items are requested: Men's slippers size 9 and larger
 Women's Pajama sets size L to 3X (set: pants and a T-shirt or long-sleeve top), Thermoses: 12 oz or more for hot/cold drinks and \$25 Gift cards from Amazon, Fred Meyer, or Walmart. Tags may be taken from the tree in the Narthex. Please bring unwrapped items to Epiphany by December 14th. If you have any questions or need help purchasing gifts, contact Jean Carpenter.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - The last rehearsal is TODAY after the Congregational Meeting from 12-1:30PM (Dress Rehearsal - all cast required). If you have questions please contact Jan Stemple (janstemple@comcast.net) or DCE Alanna (alanna@epiphanyonline.org).

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022 will be available in mid-December. **If you wish to switch from weekly to monthly or visa-versa please email Semie or leave her a note in the office.** Contact Semie Wilson or Janet Broadus if you have any questions or concerns.

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES continue this Wednesday with Dessert Fellowship beginning at 6:30PM and Worship at 7PM. Join us this Advent as the Jesse Tree brings us through God's promises and salvation plan with symbols of Jesus' victory from Creation to the Cross.

WREATH ORDER PICK-UP starts TODAY after the 9 am service until noon (after the congregational meeting) and will continue until Sunday, December 12th. Youth Gathering group members will be available to help take your order to your vehicle if needed. Thank you all for your support of this fundraiser and our group!

POINSETTIAS are needed to decorate our chancel area for Christmas. Any size or color will be welcome. Poinsettias can be placed on the table in the LifeLight Room beginning Sunday December 19th. If you prefer to make a donation to purchase plants, please be sure to designate "poinsettia" on your envelope and include your contribution number. Questions? Talk to Mary Abdi or Vada Besch.

OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED – We need one more two-person team to count the offering. Thank you, Lori and Jeff Hughes, Vada Besch and Dawn Cross, Janet Helseth and Melinda Troberg for faithfully counting once a month and filling in when needed. 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 ; or call or text @ 206-399-8811

BETHESDA AUXILIARY supports the Bethesda Lutheran Communities homes for the Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled. It is a national organization supporting four homes and some apartments in the Renton area. Colleen Schafer will host a gift table of homemade items during the fellowship time TODAY. Funds will go directly to BLCA.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HEAR OUR CHURCH SERVICE?

We want your feedback! If you are having trouble hearing parts of the service, please get in touch with Pastor after the service, by email (pastorjacob@epiphanyonline.org), or by calling the church office.



Advent Mid-Week Services
Dessert Fellowship 6:30PM
Worship 7PM

12/8 Jesus, the Root of Jesse's Tree - Genesis 22:1-18

12/14 Jesus, the Life of Jesse's Tree - Matthew 3:13-17

Please Join Us!

| Serving Today | |
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| Deacons: | Ryan Erdmann and Jim Brockmeyer |
| Ushers: | Ted Rhoades |
| Musicians: | Kathy Peterson |
| Lector: | Beth Fox |
| Greeter: | Steve Bauman and Carole Annenson |
| Coffee Hosts: | BOD |
| Altar Guild: | Heidi Nelson and Susie Borer |
| Counters: | Jeff and Lori Hughes |
| Power Point: | Julie Martin |
| <i>The Chancel Flowers are given today by Rick and Diane Carbone.</i> | |

| Serving Next Sunday, December 12th | |
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| Deacons: | Nick Borer and Jim Raguse |
| Ushers: | Maria Purpus and Karl Purpus |
| Musicians: | Kathy Peterson |
| Lector: | N/A |
| Greeter: | ELC BOD |
| Coffee Hosts: | Youth |
| Altar Guild: | Barbara Dorsey and Dawn Cross |
| Counters: | Janet Helseth and Melinda Troberg |
| Power Point: | Matthew Stemple |
| Flowers: | OPEN |

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