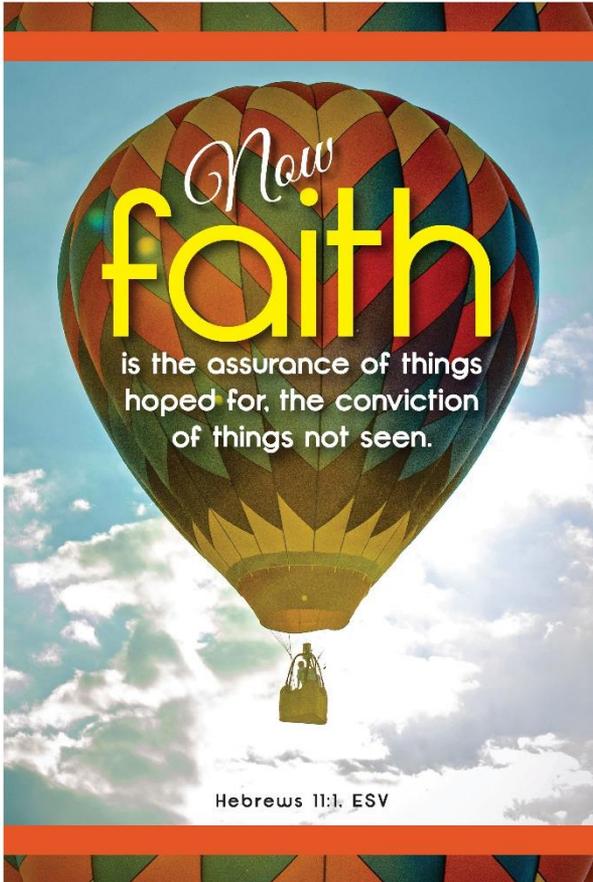


Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022



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.

Based on Divine Service LSB "Setting 4" page 203

+ Preparation +

Welcome

Opening Verse (Psalm 33:18)

- P** Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him
C **on those who hope in his steadfast love.**

LSB #738 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

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 to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us 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 let us 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.**

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 (*sung, sung LSB page 204*)

C Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis (*sung, LSB page 204*)

C To God on high be glory
 And peace to all the earth;
 Goodwill from God in heaven
 Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
 We praise and bless You, Father;
 Your holy name we sing—
 Our thanks for Your great glory,
 Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,
 The Father's Son, we pray;
 O Lamb of God, our Savior,
 You take our sins away.
 Have mercy on us, Jesus;
 Receive our heartfelt cry,
 Where You in pow'r are seated
 At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy,
 You only are the Lord.
 Forever and forever,
 Be worshiped and adored;
 You with the Holy Spirit
 Alone are Lord Most High,
 In God the Father's glory.
 "Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament – Genesis 15:1-6

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

Epistle – Hebrews 11:1-16

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

Alleluia and Verse *(sung, LSB page 205)*

- C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
- C** **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**
- C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel – Luke 12:22-34

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

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

LSB #677 "For All the Saints"

Sermon:

"Faithful to His Promise"

Text: *Hebrews 11:1-16*

Faith in Action

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁴ By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

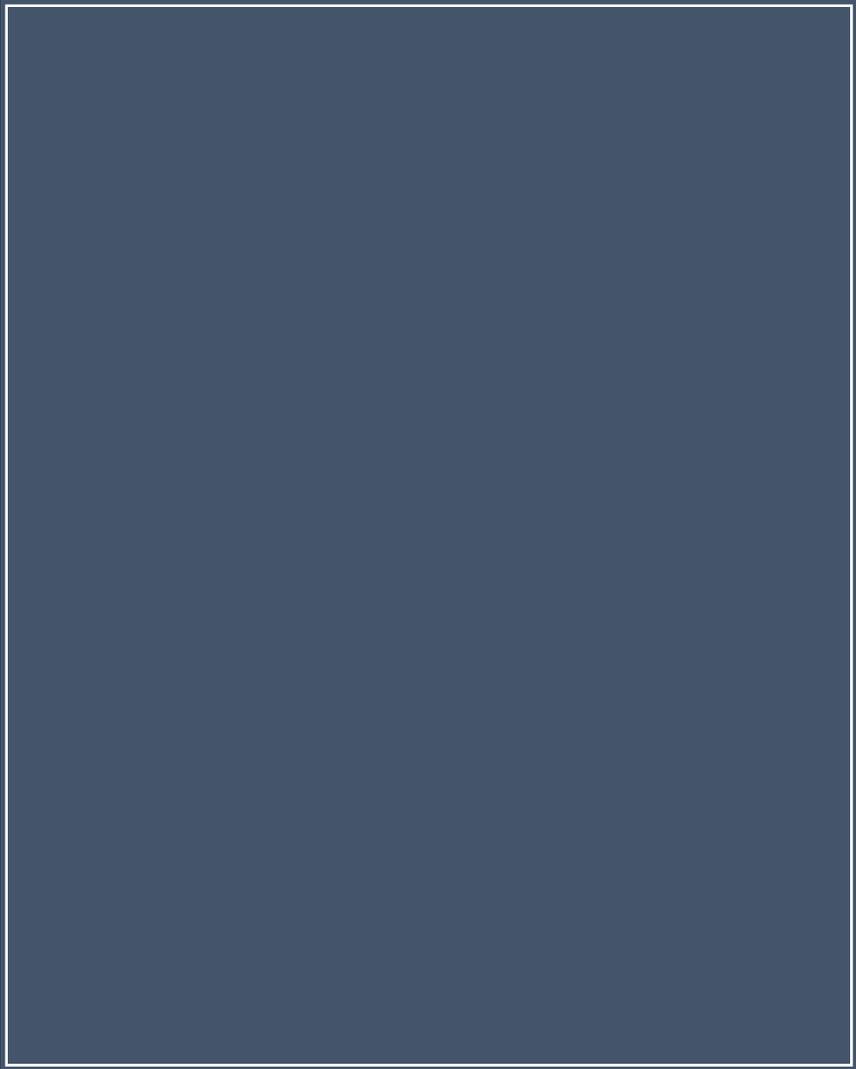
⁵ By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away."^[a] For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

⁷ By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she^(b) considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Sermon Notes for you



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 at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will 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.

Offering

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, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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 208*)

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.
- C** Amen.

Agnus Dei *(sung LSB page 210)*

- C** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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 #736 "Consider How the Birds Above"

LSB #798 "The God of Abraham Praise"

Nunc Dimittis (*sung LSB page 211*)

**G O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**
- 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.
- G** **Amen.**

LSB #667 "Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses"

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Next Sunday August 14th:

Jeremiah 23:16-29

Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3

Luke 12:49-53

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NEXT EPISTLE will be published at the end of August. This will be **for the months of September and October 2022**. The **deadline** for submitting articles and information is **Tuesday, August 23rd**. The Epistle

will be **available by September 4th**. Please call Semie in the office if you have any questions. Thank You!

MEAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRY is a way to serve God by providing a meal to families in times of need. Currently, I need new volunteers and would like to update my volunteer list. If you are willing to be a part of this vital ministry or continue to serve this ministry, please sign-up on the sheet in the entry way. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Goodman at: 425-522-4493 or heidig7235@comcast.net. Thank you for considering being a part of this vital ministry to the people of Epiphany!

LWML THANKS YOU! DEEPEST GRATITUDE for all your generous donations which were collected near the LWML table in the Narthex and delivered to our WA-Alaska District Convention in Wenatchee (July 8-10). Gifts from the Heart™ In-Gathering resulted in a tremendous outpouring of your donations! Lutheran Women in Mission includes **EVERYONE! THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR CONTINUED DONATIONS KNOWING THAT YOU ARE MAKING AN IMPACT WHICH WE ARE CREATING TOGETHER AT EPIPHANY!** Please see convention photos and Thank You message on the board in the entrance hallway.

AN APOLOGY AND INVITE - Dear Epiphany Family, Unfortunately due to an underestimation of how much of my time and energy the Youth Gathering would take this summer and a deep desire to put on a quality event that has the opportunity to reach not just our congregation, but our community, I will be postponing our first Faith Family Night on August 17th until next summer. This event has the potential to have a tremendous positive impact in our community, but it deserves more time and energy to be put into it than it has been given this summer. I will be continuing to work on the programming and planning ahead for the advertising over the next few months and am so excited to bring this back next year! **SO INSTEAD** I would like to invite our Epiphany family and friends for a **simple s'mores and hot dog roast** on **August 17th from 6-8 pm** in our parking lot to celebrate the end of summer together by relaxing around a campfire in fellowship with one another! We'll provide the s'mores materials, drinks, hot dogs/brats and fixings, you bring a camp/lawn chair to relax and a game or musical instrument to share with the group! Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to follow our mission statement: Connecting People to Christ and One Another!
Sincerely, DCE Alanna Davis

SAVE THE DATE! How do we as Christians participate in keeping things safe, humane, and just? How does God bless people even when rulers act contrary to God's law? How does the government, God's left-hand kingdom, bless all people?

We will be considering these questions at the Lutheran Hour Ministries District Rally on September 10, from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., with Dr. Gregory Seltz as the guest speaker. Registration information is available on the table outside the office. Register by September 1 to take part in this event.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will start September 14th! All ladies are welcome to join us for our next season of study and fellowship on Wednesday mornings in-person or via Zoom! Keep an eye on the Epistle/announcements for more information coming at the end of the month. If you would like to join the email list for updates, please email DCE Alanna at alanna@epiphanyonline.org.

Concordia Corner

What's Happening: Concordia is gearing up for the next school year by adding in bathrooms for our preschoolers, adding another Team Sprouts (1st and 2nd grade), new marketing efforts, and hiring/training staff!

Thank You!: In case you didn't hear, the annual auction raised \$99,933.48! Thank you to all you participated and contributed!

Golf Tournament: Tentative date for our annual golf tournament is September 9th at the Nile Golf Course in Mountlake Terrace. More details to come! If interested in sponsoring or attending, email Kelly at admin@concordiaseattle.com.

Ways to Help: Work Day on August 7, 12:30-5 pm! Come help spruce up the school. Email Kelly at admin@concordiaseattle.com to sign up.

Concordia Logoed Water Bottle Stickers are available on campus.

Come by between 9:30-3:30 Mon-Fri to grab a few (no cost) and promote the school! **Share the News:** We have openings for the fall 2022! Guide friends, neighbors, and those you meet to our website to find out about our unique personalized learning and project based learning experiences for Kindergarten-8th Grade and our play based licensed preschool for ages 3-5!

Job Opportunities: We are hiring preschool teachers, a part-time music teacher, and a part-time Spanish teacher! See our website for more information: www.concordiaseattle.com.

Serving Today	
Deacons:	Jim Raguse and Nick Borer
Ushers:	Ted Rhoades
Musicians:	Ryan Erdman
Lector:	Alanna Davis
Greeter:	Steve Bauman and Carole Anenson
Coffee Hosts:	LWML
Altar Guild:	Mary Abdi and Melinda Troberg
Counters:	Jeff & Lori Hughes
Power Point:	Julie Martin
<i>The Chancel Flowers are given today by Heidi Nelson.</i>	

Serving Next Sunday August 14th	
Deacons:	Jim Beckmeyer and Jim Raguse
Ushers:	TBD
Musicians:	Mary Abdi
Lector:	Julie Martin
Greeter:	ELC BOD
Coffee Hosts:	ELC BOD
Altar Guild:	Vada Besch and Janet Broadus
Counters:	Melinda Troberg, Grace and Eric Brod
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