Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 2024

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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 commune 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 Setting One

+ Preparation +

Welcome

LSB #794 “The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩️ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences Psalm 40:11, 16; 145:1-4

P I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.
C Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.
P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.
C One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.
P As for You, O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me; Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!
C But may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation say continually, “Great is the LORD!”

Confession and Absolution

P Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

(Pause for silent reflection.)

C We confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor
Him. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of His creation and have not shared His bounty with others at all times. We have been heedless in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We strayed from His paths of righteousness and have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. Lord, have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

P In the name of Jesus Christ, God Almighty has had mercy to give you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Hear these words of grace: in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I 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 +

Kyrie

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

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

\[\text{P The Lord be with you.} \]
\[\text{C And also with you.} \]

\[\text{P Let us pray. God of compassion, when You saw that we were like} \]
\[\text{sheep without a shepherd, You sent Your Son, Jesus, to shepherd} \]
\[\text{us. Keep alive in us Your spirit of compassion for the world, until all} \]
\[\text{people come to know Your Shepherd’s care; through the same} \]
\[\text{Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and} \]
\[\text{the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.} \]
\[\text{C Amen.} \]


\[\text{The remnant of God’s people will be gathered.} \]

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the
God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Epistle – Ephesians 2:11-22

Together we are fellow citizens with God’s people.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is
made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel – Mark 6:30-44

Jesus miraculously feeds thousands of people.

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were
coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

This is the Holy Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Please pass completed worship cards to the side aisles.

LSB #545 “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

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Homily –
“Prayer and Promise”
Psalm 23
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Catechism *The Apostle's Creed, the First Article*

**P** We have begun our worship this day in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles’ Creed regarding the First Person of the Holy Trinity and reflect on our confession of faith using the words written by Martin Luther in the Small Catechism.

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Offering - *LSB #711 “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

Prayer of the Church
Following, “Lord, in Your mercy,” please respond, “hear our prayer”.

+ Holy Communion +

Preface  

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, O Lord, for in Jesus Christ, the servant of all, You have shown Your saving power and Your great compassion. Grant that we may live in humility, honoring our Good Shepherd in all that we do. Gathered at the Table of the Lord, we rejoice that we are given a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, merciful Lord, that we rejoice in the gifts before us and praise You with thankful hearts.

Amen.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord eternal and blessed be Your name. In Your great love You sent Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be the promised Savior, whose power was shown in love and whose life of service fulfilled Your will and completed the work of salvation. With thankfulness we receive the blessings our Good Shepherd has obtained for us. Gather into one, we pray You, all Your people who now join at Your holy Table. Bless and nourish us, so that all we who partake of Christ’s holy body and blood may be strengthened to serve You and our neighbor, as You would have us do. To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in Your holy church, forever and ever.

Amen.
**The Words of Our Lord**

- 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.”

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.”

**Proclamation of Christ**

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, the pouring out of your Holy Spirit and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.

- Amen.
Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away
the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 #576 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”
LSB #540 “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev’ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek 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

Let us pray. Gracious and eternal God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus.

Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that has been shared and received in this blessed Meal be for us that life-giving food that sustains us on our earthly journey as we serve and follow our Good Shepherd faithfully all our days;

through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.
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 #923 “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

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

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Readings for Next Sunday, July 28
Genesis 9:8-17; Ephesians 3:14-21; Mark 6:45-56

Sunday Adult Education Class 10:30-11:30am
Today and July 28 – Apocrypha

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Events this Week
Tue-Quilting 9:30a; Sat-Men’s Breakfast 7:30a
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HIKERS AND WALKERS: Mark Your Calendars! Our first events are scheduled for August 23rd and 24th! On Friday, August 23rd will be an easy walk on the Burke Gilman/Sammamish River trail from the old golf course to Bothell Landing Park (roundtrip 2 miles) starting at 10am. On Saturday, August 24th will be an easy-moderate 1-2 mile hike at St Edwards State Park, meeting at Epiphany at 9:30 am. Sign ups will go up at the beginning of August to coordinate carpooling. This group is for anyone of any fitness/ability level who is interested - if you have any questions, please email DCE Alanna!

HELP is NEEDED for Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship. There are several open dates this summer for coffee fellowship after the 9am service on Sunday mornings. Please consider signing up for an open date so everyone can enjoy a few minutes of time to connect with each other. Coffee, tea and service items are provided but if individuals or groups can provide refreshments and just tidy up afterwards I would really appreciate some help. Donated funds can be designated to projects you wish to support. There is a sign up sheet on the small bulletin board next to the kitchen window. The Fellowship committee is also in need of a few people to support the efforts to provide fellowship events for our congregation in the coming months. Thank You! If you have questions, please email Linda Fuerbringer (lindafuerbringer@hotmail.com)

Join us for our JULY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT on Wednesday, July 31st starting at 5 pm! We had so much fun in June that we're doing it again with a whole new round of pals sure to enchant viewers of all ages. Sign up on the bulletin board and invite your family, friends, grandkids and neighbors to join us! Mini flyers are available on the table next to the office. If you have any questions, talk to DCE Alanna.

Epiphany's annual night out at the ballpark for the Everett AquaSox Faith and Family Night is Sunday, August 18th at 4:05 pm! Join us for an afternoon full of fun and fellowship for members and friends of all ages! We currently have 20 tickets available for $11 each, so sign up on the bulletin board and pay your fee to Epiphany (cash or check) to hold your spot by July 28th. Please talk to DCE Alanna if you have any questions!
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD is being gathered from Epiphany’s members for the local food banks in the month of July to support our community. Please bring donations to the church and put it in the food bank bin. The items will be delivered to the Kenmore Food Bank or Food Lifeline at the end of this month. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Fuerbringer. Thank you!

Please join us next Sunday, 7/28, for Confirmation Sunday! Our confirmand, Max Voelsch, will share about his faith and go through the Rite of Confirmation during service with a reception to welcome him into membership immediately following. Come help us celebrate and encourage him as he continues to grow in his faith!

The VBS Volunteer meeting is NEXT Sunday, 7/28 at 12:30 pm. This meeting is mandatory for all volunteers who will be participating during VBS week to make sure we are ready to welcome the families on August 6th. Please email DCE Alanna as soon as possible if you cannot make this meeting!

ALL HANDS ON DECK! VBS Decorating is happening Sunday, August 4th immediately after Education Hour. We could use any and all helpers to transform the church into a tropical island for our Shipwrecked VBS! Light snacks will be provided for all volunteers as a thank you! Questions - email DCE Alanna.

The Quilters are in immediate need of flat sheets (no flannel) for backings on quilts. Contact Kathy Peterson with any inquiries. Thank you!
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