

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2025



**The LORD appeared to him
by the oaks of Mamre, as he
sat at the door of his tent
in the heat of the day.**

Genesis 18:1, ESV

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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. Cards will be gathered by the ushers after the Gospel reading.
- Prayer before worship: *O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name, Amen.*

Based on Divine Setting Five

+Preparation+

Welcome

Call to Worship *Psalm 100*

- P** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
- C** **Serve the Lord with gladness!**
- P** Come into his presence with singing!
- C** **Know that the Lord, he is God!**
- P** It is he who made us, and we are his;
- C** **we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**
- P** Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
- C** **Give thanks to him; bless his name!**
- P** For the Lord is good;
- C** **his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

LSB #807 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pause for silent reflection.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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 O Lord,

C **have mercy upon us.**

P O Christ,

C **have mercy upon us.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy upon us.**

“Thy Word”

Refrain **Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet**

And a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path.

**1) When I feel afraid and think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. Refrain**

**2) I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side;
I will love You to the end. Refrain**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament – Genesis 18:1-14

Sarah laughs when she hears that she shall have a son.

The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took

curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

L How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

C **who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

L Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

C **and their words to the ends of the world.**

Epistle – Colossians 1:21-29

The mystery that the Gentiles are included in God's promises is cause for rejoicing among the Colossian Christians.

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for

you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

C *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel – Luke 10:38-42

Martha learns that her sister Mary has chosen to listen to Jesus; she has chosen well.

P The Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

Children's Message

LSB #536 "One Thing's Needful"

Sermon – "Just One Thing"

Luke 10:38-42

Pastor David Blair

Nicene Creed

- ☐ 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 His 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 – LSB #685 v1, 4 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

C 1) *Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.*

4) *Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.*

Prayer of the Church

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

+Service of the Sacrament+

Preface

LSB 216

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 receive our Lord in, with, and under bread and wine, for His presence among us and in us produces the peace that knows no end, banishing sorrow and uniting us to our heavenly Father in gracious rejoicing. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise Your name and say:
- 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.**

- P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 217

- 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."

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."

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei*LSB 198*

- ☞** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away
the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. 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 #620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"**LSB #763 "When Peace, like a River"****Communion Dismissal****LSB #632 "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"**

- ☞** *1) O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.*
- 2) Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!*

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C 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.

C Amen.

LSB #728 “How Firm a Foundation”

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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**Readings for next Sunday, July 27:
Genesis 18:20-33; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13**

Sunday Adult Education Class 10:30 - 11:30 am

Today - Martin Luther led by Alan Martin

July 27 – Martin Luther led by Alan Martin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please keep our group attending the **2025 LCMS Youth Gathering** in your prayers this week as they travel, learn more about God's Enduring love for them and serve the community of New Orleans! Check out our Facebook page for pictures and updates throughout the week. Visit www.lcmsgathering.com/live to watch the livestream of the nightly Mass Events Saturday - Tuesday starting at 6:30 pm and Mass Worship Wednesday morning starting at 8 am. In order to watch the livestream, you will be asked to sign up for a free account that will give you access to all 5 days. Please keep in mind that the times listed on the website are in Central Daylight Time! Once we're back, join us on Sunday, August 3rd during coffee hour for a presentation recap of our trip!

VBS DECORATING is happening Sunday, July 27th after service and we need your help! Come for an hour or two or three to help transform our space into our base camp for Everest VBS. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board to help coordinate volunteers. If you have any questions, please call Lynn Brown at 425-761-1022!

Epiphany's annual night out at the ballpark for the **Everett AquaSox Faith and Family Night** is **Sunday, August 10th** at 4:05 pm! Join us for an afternoon full of fun and fellowship for members and friends of all ages! We currently have 15 tickets available for \$12, though more can be acquired if there is enough interest. Sign-ups are available on the bulletin with the final payment deadline of July 27th. Please see DCE Alanna if you have any questions

The Fellowship Committee would like to organize a service project event for members of ELC that have Thrivent accounts (investment accounts or insurance policies). Thrivent is offering members an opportunity to order a **THRIVENT CAUSE KIT**. One kit per member is available. The kits will be mailed to members at no cost, then assembled and sent back to Thrivent for distribution. There are two types of kits available, as long as the supplies last: 1) water filters that will provide 12 people clean water for 10 years(simpler to build); 2) solar powered light bulbs, to provide light for several hours at night. Thrivent will send the assembled products to communities in need of the items.

If you have a Thrivent membership and are willing to order a kit, please contact the Corporate office (800) 847-4836 (M-F, 7a-6p CDT) or order it online from the Thrivent website thrivent.com. It will take about two weeks to receive the kit in the mail.

We will plan a gathering to assemble the kits later this year. Even if you don't want to assemble a kit, please order one; there will be volunteers to help assemble them. If you have questions, please text or call Linda Fuerbringer 206-909-3149. Thank you!

Thank you to Pastor Blair for assisting with worship this morning, while Pastor Mueller is attending the Youth Gathering.

Serving Today	
Deacons:	Ken Goodman and Milt Shannon
Ushers:	Steve and Matthew Bauman
Musicians:	Mary Abdi
Lector:	Jim Raguse
Greeter:	Milt Shannon
Coffee Hosts:	LWML
Altar Guild:	Lynn Brown and Susie Borer
Counters:	Vada Besch and Dawn Cross
Power Point:	Millie Kearney
<i>Flowers are given today by Janet Helseth in remembrance of her mother Ellen's Birthday (100th)</i>	

Serving Next Sunday, July 27:	
Deacons:	Milt Shannon and Jim Beckmeyer
Ushers:	Janet Broadus
Musicians:	Mary Abdi
Lector:	Nick Borer
Greeter:	Steve & Rita Bauman
Coffee Hosts:	OPEN
Altar Guild:	Millie Kearney and Barb Nelson
Counters:	Barbara Dorsey and Grace Brod
Power Point:	Alanna Davis
Flowers:	OPEN

LORD,

help me to **REST**
in Your presence,
TRUST in Your timing,
and find **JOY** in the simple,
sacred moments.

Remind me that I don't
need to have it all figured out—
just to **WALK WITH YOU,**
ONE STEP AT A TIME.

AMEN.



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