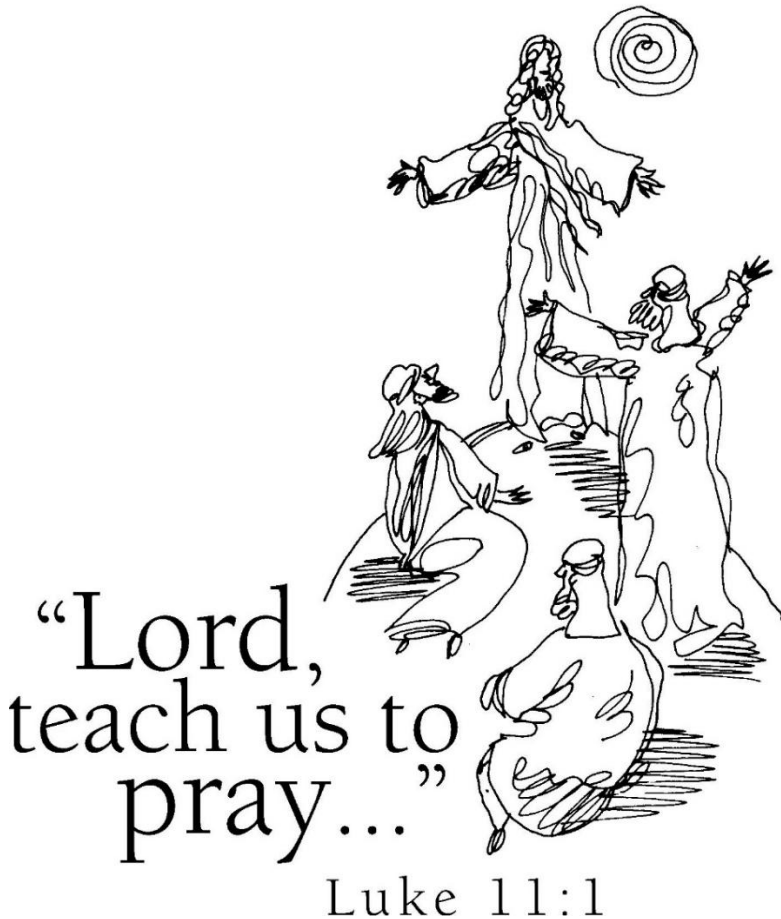


# Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

## July 27, 2025



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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. 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 Two*

## **+Preparation+**

**Welcome**

**LSB #905 "Come, Thou Almighty King"**

### **Invocation**

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

**C** **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution.**

**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.**

*Pause for silent reflection.*

**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.**

## **+Service of the Word+**

### **Psalm 138** (*antiphon v. 3*) **and Kyrie**

- P** I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
- C** **I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love  
and your faithfulness,**
- P** for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.
- C** **On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.**
- P** All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,  
and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- C** **For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.**
- P** Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life;
- C** **you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,  
and your right hand delivers me.**
- P** The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
- C** **Do not forsake the work of your hands.**
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Amen.**

### ***LSB #793 v1-3 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"***

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your grace and mercy have strengthened Your people throughout the ages and emboldened them to come before You in all circumstances. Strengthen our faith and confidence so that we come to You boldly, consistently, and persistently; through Jesus Christ with whom You rule and reign with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament – Genesis 18:20-33

*Abraham prays to God, asking for mercy.*

Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten

are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle – Colossians 2:6-19**

*Alive in Christ.*

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 173

**C** **Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia.**

### **Holy Gospel – Luke 11:1-13**

*Jesus teaches His disciples to pray.*

**P** The Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P** Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

**C** **"Father, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come.**

**Give us each day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive  
everyone who is indebted to us.**

**And lead us not into temptation."**

**P** And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he

asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Children's Message

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

## LSB #538 "Praise Be to Christ"

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### Sermon - "Our Intercessor"

Genesis 18:20-33

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## 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. 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

### **LSB #780 “ O Lord, Hear My Prayer”**

***O Lord, hear my prayer,***

***O Lord, hear my prayer;***

***When I call answer me.***

***O Lord, hear my prayer,***

***O Lord, hear my prayer;***

***Come and listen to me. Repeat***

**P** We pray:

**G Our Father in heaven,**

**P** Heavenly Father, mercifully hear the prayers of your people on behalf of our congregation, community, nation, and world.

**G Holy be Your name.**

**P** Holy Lord, we know Your name is holy. We ask that it be kept holy among us as we bear that name and live as Your people in this world.

**G Your Kingdom come.**

**P** Lord Jesus, we thank You for planting Your Kingdom among us as You nourish us with Your body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. We eagerly anticipate the fullness of Your kingdom coming and ask that You continue to do Your good and gracious work in, through, and among us while we wait for Your return.

**G Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**P** Heavenly Father, we know that it is Your will that all people come to the knowledge of the truth and are saved. Work Your will here on earth. Work through our governing authorities and their agents to bring Your will to all people.

**G Give us today our daily bread.**

**P** Loving Father, we thank and praise You for providing everything we need for our bodies and lives. Prevent us from being selfish and greedy. As You generously bless us, lead us to be a blessing to others, especially those who are in need.

**C Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**P** O Jesus, forgive and empower us to forgive others so that our relationships are ruled by Your peace. Create clean hearts within us so that we may approach You boldly, with Confidence.

**C Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**P** Almighty God, as we face trials and temptations, strengthen us by the power of Your Spirit so we can stand firm against the devil, the world, and our sinful nature. Watch over all we name before You this day (especially... ). Deliver us from evil now and forever, we pray.

**C For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **+ *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 good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, King of the universe, for You blessed us by sending Your Son, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. We continue to be blessed by His presence today as we heard His gracious words of forgiveness, as He has taught us to pray, and as He comes to dwell with us through His body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. Lead us to walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith we have been taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Graciously receive our

prayers; deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **LSB # 793 v4 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**

**C Angels, help us to adore Him;  
You behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
All who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace.**

### **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."

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.**

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 180

**G** *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, 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 #524 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"**

**LSB #770 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

**Communion Dismissal****Thank the Lord**

LSB 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 Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

O God our Father, You are the source of all that is good. In Your mercy, You canceled the record of our debts that stood against us by nailing them to the cross. We thank You for nourishing us with the body and blood of Your Son. Continue to build us up into Him as You knit us together in one holy communion. Lead us to walk in Him, established in the faith that we have been taught; 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** 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 #922 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”***

**P** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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**Next Sunday, August 3:**  
**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26; Colossians 3:1-11;**  
**Luke 12:13-21**

**Sunday Adult Education Class 10:30 - 11:30 am**  
**Today - Martin Luther** led by Alan Martin  
**August 3 - Martin Luther** led by Alan Martin

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### **Events this week**

Today-VBS Decorating; Fri-DCE Walk 10a; Sat.-Men's Breakfast 7:30a

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our group attending the **2025 LCMS Youth Gathering** is back from New Orleans! Thank you for all your prayers and please join us next Sunday, August 3rd during coffee hour for a presentation recap of our trip!

**VBS Decorating** is happening today 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 **today**. Please see DCE Alanna if you have any questions

**The Fellowship Committee** would like to organize a service project event for ELC Thrivent members. Thrivent is offering an opportunity to order a **THRIVENT CAUSE KIT** (*One kit per member*). The kits will be mailed in two weeks at no cost, then assembled and sent back to

Thrivent for distribution to communities in need of them. Two types of kits are available: 1) water filters that will provide clean water for 10 years for up to twelve people (simpler to build); and 2) solar powered light bulbs, to provide light for several hours at night.

If you are willing to order a kit, please call the Thrivent Corporate office at (800) 847-4836 (M-F, 7a-6p CDT), or order online from the Thrivent website, [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com).

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!

**The Social Ministries committee** would like to thank the congregation for its generous contributions to Care Net. They were so excited to receive the many baby items to distribute among the many clients who need them!

There are openings for hosting Sunday morning Coffee Fellowship in August, and months thereafter. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board; thank you.

<b>Serving Today</b>	
<b>Deacons:</b>	Milt Shannon and Jim Beckmeyer
<b>Ushers:</b>	Janet Broadus
<b>Musicians:</b>	Mary Abdi
<b>Lector:</b>	Nick Borer
<b>Greeter:</b>	Steve & Rita Bauman
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	OPEN
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Millie Kearney and Barb Nelson
<b>Counters:</b>	Barbara Dorsey and Grace Brod
<b>Power Point:</b>	Alanna Davis
<b><i>Flowers are given today by the Broadus family in celebration of family birthdays!</i></b>	

<b>Serving Next Sunday, August 3</b>	
<b>Deacons:</b>	Milt Shannon and Ken Goodman
<b>Ushers:</b>	Nick Borer
<b>Musicians:</b>	Mary Abdi
<b>Lector:</b>	Steve Bauman
<b>Greeter:</b>	Steve Bauman and Carole Anenson
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b>	LWML
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Grace Brod and Barbara Dorsey
<b>Counters:</b>	Jeff and Lori Hughes
<b>Power Point:</b>	Julie Martin
<b>Flowers:</b>	Julie Martin

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