

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025



**Life does not consist in
an abundance of
possessions.**

Luke 12:15, NIV

Epiphany Lutheran Church

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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 Four

+ Preparation +

Welcome

LSB #907 "God Himself Is Present"

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences *Psalm 100; antiphon: v. 3*

- P** Know that the LORD, He is God!
C It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
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; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
C Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
P Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
C For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.
P Know that the LORD, He is God!
C It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
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.

Pause for silent reflection.

- P** We confess together:

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.**

+Service of the Word+

Kyrie

LSB 204

- C** **Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 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.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Old Testament – Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

The gift of God in the midst of vanity.

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given

to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

C **Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.**

Epistle – Colossians 3:1-11

“Set your mind on things that are above.”

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on

earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will

store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

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 #782 "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

Sermon: "The Steward's Story"

Luke 12:13-21

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 worshiped 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 #789 *"Praise and Thanksgiving"*

VBS Commissioning

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 God, the giver of every good and every perfect gift, that in Your mercy You sent Your Son that though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, so that we by His poverty might become rich. It is through His life, death, and resurrection that we receive the riches of Your kingdom—forgiveness, life, and salvation. 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

LSB 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.*

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

LSB 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 #618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

LSB #761 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Communion Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

***☞ 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

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us the gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation through Your one and only Son. Set our hearts on things above, not on the things of this earth, so that when Your Son appears again, we will also appear with Him in glory; 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 #861 "Christ Be My Leader"

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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**Readings for Next Sunday, August 10:
Genesis 15:1-6; Hebrew 11:1-16; Luke 12:22-40**

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

Martin Luther led by Alan Martin

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Events for this week

Today-VBS Volunteers Meeting 12p; Mon-Thu-VBS-9a;

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our VBS volunteers are being commissioned today as they prepare to serve the children and families attending Everest VBS this week. Please keep them and the families in your prayers this week for safety, fun and learning about God's love for them! Thank you to all who helped decorate the church last week as part of the preparations for this event!

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

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.

Serving Today	
Deacons:	Milt Shannon and Ken Goodman
Ushers:	Nick Borer
Musicians:	Mary Abdi
Lector:	Steve Bauman
Greeter:	Steve Bauman and Carole Anenson
Coffee Hosts:	LWML
Altar Guild:	Grace Brod and Barbara Dorsey
Counters:	Jeff and Lori Hughes
Power Point:	Julie Martin
<i>Flowers are given today by Julie Martin in celebration of Daniel's birthday!</i>	

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Ushers:	Doug Vossler
Musicians:	Mary Abdi
Lector:	Julie Martin
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