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The Second Sunday in Lent



Shining the light of Christ
in the heart of the pines

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WELCOME TO EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

“How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!” (Psalm 84:1) We are thankful that God has brought you here with us this morning to hear His Word and receive His gifts! You’ll find everything you need for the worship service in this bulletin and in *Lutheran Service Book*, our hymnal. If you have any questions about our worship service, our congregation, or what we believe, please ask our pastor or any of our members.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

The first step to becoming a member of our congregation is to speak with our pastor.

We believe, teach, and confess that we are all broken sinners in need of God’s salvation, which He freely gives through His Word and Sacrament. Church is not a club for the sinless— it’s a hospital for sinners!

You may become a member of Epiphany Lutheran Church by transferring your membership from a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) or you may receive instruction from the pastor and become a communicant member of Epiphany and the LCMS through Adult Instruction Class or through a profession of faith.

AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus, We Inherit Life Everlasting with God

In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him “*the father of a multitude of nations.*” It is “*an everlasting covenant*” in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed “*throughout their generations*” (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds “*on the things of God,*” and not “*on the things of man*” (Mark 8:33). “*God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*” (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been “*reconciled to God by the death of his Son,*” much more “*shall we be saved by his life*” (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, “*we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*” and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).

**DIVINE SERVICE
SETTING ONE
WITH COMMUNION**

Prelude

Selected Music

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor

Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”

LSB 756

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)

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.**

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

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.

(John 20:19-23)

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Read Together

Psalm 115:11-13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

**Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!

He is their help and their shield.

**The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;
he will bless those who fear the Lord,
both the small and the great.**

**We will bless the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

***as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

**Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Read Together

Psalm 22:23-31; antiphon: v. 22

**²²I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

**²³You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

**²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.**

**²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.**

**²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!**

**²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before you.**

**²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.**

**²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

**³⁰Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

**³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet
unborn,
that he has done it.**

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

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in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Joel 2:13

C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered

him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “**Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.**”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “**If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.**”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day “*Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*”

LSB 708

Sermon “*Walk before Me, and be blameless...*” Rev. E. B. Holschuh
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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.

Passing of the Peace

When Jesus himself appeared to the disciples after his resurrection, he greeted them by saying, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36; John 20:19, 26) – and so we do likewise.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy
C hear our prayer.

Offering

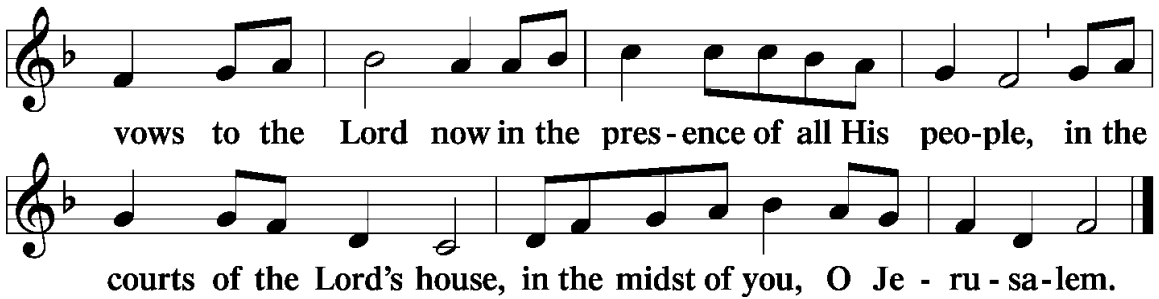
Usher

Please sign the attendance books as they are passed.

Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Important Information about Holy Communion Today

Today, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, in which our Lord Jesus Christ gives His true body and blood under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. This Sacrament is also a confession of the unity in faith, doctrine, and practice of those who receive it together.

If you are a confirmed member in good standing of Epiphany Lutheran Church or another congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we welcome you to commune with us today. However, if this is not the case, we ask that you refrain from communing today. If you have questions, please speak to the pastor. He would be happy to meet with you to talk about the blessings of church membership and arrange for you to be a part of our instruction leading toward reception of Holy Communion at Epiphany.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you

2 Timothy 4:22



R And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



R We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136



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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Matthew 6:9-13

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."

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."

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
 veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

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.



G A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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 A - men.

Closing Hymn

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

LSB 722

Postlude

Selected Music

Initial and ongoing funding for Epiphany Lutheran Church has been received through a grant made possible by the Roy D. and Ingaborg G. Randolph Memorial Endowment Fund.

SERVANTS DURING WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

Pastor – Rev. E. B. Holschuh

Musician – Leann McClain

PRAYERS AT EPIPHANY

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Please share any prayer requests that need to be added to this list by sending an email to secretary@epiphanybastrop.org. If you have confidential prayer requests for the pastors to know about, please send an email to pastor@epiphanybastrop.org.

- Kathy Achterberg
- Shane Boyd
- David Goeke
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Tonya Hettler
- Deebo and Norma Kunze
- Karen McDougall
- Elaine Ottinger
- Fritz Pittman
- David Sager
- Dr. Charles Wukasch

MISSIONARIES:

- **The Mahlburg Family (Asia, Sri Lanka)** – Pray for the Mahlburg family as they serve in Sri Lanka. Ask God to give them strength and wisdom to find the opportunities among the challenges of serving in Sri Lanka. Pray for the spread of the Gospel throughout all of Sri Lanka. Pray the Lord will raise up young men to become pastors in the CELC (Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church).
- **Phillip Magness (West and Central Africa)** – Pray for Phillip as he serves in Africa, and ask God to keep him safe in his travels. Pray that many will put their trust in the Lord as Phillip teaches them to sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Pray for the students who come to learn these songs and how to teach them. Ask God to give them wisdom, patience, and creativity as they adapt what they learn to their cultural context. Pray that the relationships between Phillip and local pastors and musicians may continue to grow, and that their projects would achieve the Lord's purposes. Let us give thanks to God that Phillip is serving His people in West and Central Africa.
- **The Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church** – Pray for Bishop Lytkin and the pastors who serve in what is one of the poorest regions of Russia as they raise monetary support for its congregations and pastors, as well as its seminary, which is one of only two remaining Lutheran seminaries (out of eleven founded after the fall of the Soviet Union) in all of Russia.

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY:

Sunday, February 25th

- 10:00am – Bible Class
- 10:00am – Sunday School
- 11:00am – Fellowship / Coffee Time
- 11:30am – Worship Service with Communion

Thursday, February 29th

- 7:00pm – Midweek Lenten Service

Sunday, March 3rd

- 10:00am – Bible Class
- 10:00am – Sunday School
- 11:00am – Fellowship / Coffee Time
- 11:30am – Worship Service with Communion

Services During Lent and Holy Week: We will have our midweek Lenten services on Thursdays at 7:00pm, with the final midweek service being on Thursday, March 21st. During Holy Week, make plans to join us for our Maundy Thursday service at 7:00pm, Thursday, March 28th and our Good Friday service at 7:00pm on Friday, March 29th.

New Sunday school study begins today! A new Lent Sunday school study started this morning! Join Pastor E.B. at 10am next Sunday for the next session of ***He Chose the Nails***, a video Bible study from popular pastor and author Max Lucado which will examine the gifts that Christ gave at his crucifixion. The cross is rich with God's gifts of grace, and as we unwrap them, we will hear him whisper, "I did it just for you."

Who has God put in your life that needs to hear His message? Join Pastor E.B. Wednesdays at 7pm for a new Bible study on Zoom! ***God Connects*** is a 12-session weekly video series that explains the Christian faith in a way that makes it easy to share key concepts—this study is ideal for those with questions about sin, judgment, redemption, Jesus, the believer's life, and more. Starts 2/14. No church experience or membership is required! Please register (only once) to attend: bit.ly/ELC-GodConnects

Lutheran Hour: Next Sunday, March 3rd – “Included in Such Company” – Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The more you listen to the life of Jesus, the more you admire Him and the more grateful you are to be included in His company. (Mark 10:43-45)

Hear The Lutheran Hour each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to lhm.org for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Hear stories about mental health, LCMS history, and the history of LCMS Black Ministry on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), begin studying Isaiah 40-66 for Lent on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Deuteronomy 14-17 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and enjoy a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on 2/28 at 11:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

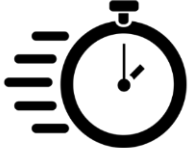
Sanctity of Life: We are created, preserved, and protected by our Father. Christ Jesus died and rose to redeem every life and the Holy Spirit strengthens us to love every life as someone for whom Christ died. Viewing life as valuable shapes our worldview and guides Christians to uphold the lives of the vulnerable. Christians are faced with issues of abortion, euthanasia, and physician assisted suicide. We come to these and other issues with a theology of life – life for all. As the Body of Christ, we seek to preserve every life created by God and value every life, whether the world sees them as valuable or not. The value given to life comes not from the world, but from the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of the world, our Holy and gracious God. Resources have been created to aid in education of congregations and institutions, advocacy for those vulnerable to loss of life, and service to all God’s created people: <https://makingdisciples-resources.lcms.org/sanctity-of-life-issues/#resources>.



These days, conducting class at the Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, is sometimes difficult as professors turn to online means to provide pastoral instruction to students, especially those close to the conflict in Ukraine and those who are seeking instruction in countries surrounding Russia. Please continue to pray for the seminary and the *Save the Seminary Campaign* efforts. Your prayers mean so much, and your financial support is a genuine encouragement for the campaign team as we continue to build an endowment for the seminary. Learn more on our website, savetheseminary.org.

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1-minute



Seminary

Q&A: Baptism and Original Sin

Q. In looking over sections of the Book of Concord, I understand Lutherans oppose the Catholic Church's teaching of concupiscence. As a lifelong Lutheran I have always believed that in Baptism all our sins have been forgiven and that in faith with a contrite heart we continuously live in our baptism dying daily to sin and we believe forgiveness of sin (reconciliation) is an extension of baptism. My curiosity got to me when I came across the concept of concupiscence* as quoted in the Book of Concord so I had to look it up from a Catholic perspective. Reflecting on this, it brings up a question that sort of troubles me: why don't we as Lutherans believe that original sin, like the sins of omission and commission, can be removed through the waters of baptism? Lutherans seem to use the term "sinful nature" interchangeably with "original sin" and I understand this can be seen as a loss of grace of original holiness which results in man being subject to the law of death as a result of Adam's fall. From what I have always understood (and from the Lutheran perspective) in this life we who die in the Lord can never shed our old Adam, sinful nature, or original sin until we depart from this world. For me, thinking about baptism as a covenant, it feels like our confessions would then imply original sin (the devil who had a hand in this original curse) still clings to us through these waters and never gets fully washed off at the time we go through the waters which in turn leaves me unsettled feeling. From a confessional Lutheran standpoint, could you please explain? In particular, through the lens of what this means at the time of baptism?

*the tendency of humans to sin (a term often used to refer to sinful desires, in particular lust).

A. The Roman Catholic Church errs in a couple of directions when it comes to its teaching of baptism. On the one hand, it teaches that baptism offers a limited forgiveness of sins in that it forgives only sins committed before baptism; sins committed after baptism are dealt with by means of some of their other sacraments, including penance. On the other hand, the Roman Catholic Church teaches that baptism removes original sin to the degree that what remains (concupiscence) is not sinful.

Lutherans believe and teach that baptism forgives the guilt of original sin, but the sinful nature that remains is real sin. As you noted, the sinful nature is part of us throughout this earthly life and continually wars with the new self (Romans 7:7-25).

Baptism does free us from the power of the devil (Hebrews 2:14-15). Still, the devil seeks to attack us and rob us of our saving faith (1 Peter 5:8). Baptism is a daily reminder that we are God's children (1 Corinthians 6:11; Galatians 3:26-27).

When it comes to the importance of baptism, Article II of the Augsburg Confession states: "Also they [our churches] teach that since the fall of Adam, all men begotten in the natural way are born with sin, that is, without the fear of God, without trust in God, and with concupiscence; and that this disease, or vice of origin, is truly sin, even now condemning and bringing eternal death upon those not born again through Baptism and the Holy Ghost." This is what we believe and teach on the basis of Scripture.

[Actual question and answer posted to wels.net/faq.]