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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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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.



OUR COMMUNION POLICY:

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation by baptized believers in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23; 10:32; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

SERVANTS DURING WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

Pastor – Rev. E.B. Holschuh
Musician – Leann McClain
Lay Reader – Deb Layland
Assisting Elder – Clayton Wolf
Usher – David Sager
Acolyte – Calvin Monroe

AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

In Humble Repentance, Faith Lives by Grace and Mercy and Is Exalted by God in Christ

Jesus tells a parable “*to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous*” (Luke 18:9). In this parable, the Pharisee unjustly boasted before God on the basis of his own merits, whereas the tax collector intently prayed, “*God, be merciful to me, a sinner!*” (Luke 18:13). That poor, miserable sinner trusted Christ, and he went “*down to his house justified, rather than the other*” (Luke 18:14). So do little children, “*even infants,*” come to Jesus with their need, and they “*receive the kingdom of God*” through faith (Luke 18:15–17). For “*the one who humbles himself will be exalted,*” but “*everyone who exalts himself will be humbled*” (Luke 18:14). That is why “*the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard*” (Gen. 4:4–5). St. Paul’s life, “*poured out as a drink offering,*” was another sacrifice like Abel’s (2 Tim. 4:6). The Lord stood by Paul and strengthened him, that “*the message might be fully proclaimed*” (2 Tim. 4:17). It is by that Gospel message of Christ that we “*have loved his appearing*” and as repentant sinners pray to “*the Lord, the righteous judge*” by faith (2 Tim. 6:8).

DIVINE SERVICE

Prelude

Selected Music

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor

Announcements

Opening Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress”

LSB 656

(stand)

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 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.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

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

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.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 56:10-13

P In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise,
C in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?

P I must perform my vows to you, O God;
I will render thank offerings to you.
C For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from
falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

*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.*

Kyrie

“Kyrie! God, Father”

LSB 942
Mark 10:47



Ky-ri - e! God, Fa - ther in heav'n a - bove, You a - bound in gra - cious love,



Of all things the mak - er and pre - serv - er. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!



Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal - va - tion for all You came to bring.



O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di - a - tor at the heav'n-ly throne:



Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli - ca - tion. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!



Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the



gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this



sin-ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(sit)

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. . . .

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me

from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

LSB 555 sts.1-5

(stand)

Holy Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-17

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

(sit)

Sermon *Justified and Generous: The Reformation of the Heart* Luke 18:9-17

(stand)

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy
C hear our prayer.

(sit)

Offering

Usher

(stand)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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

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

- 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 covenant 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.”

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 961

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(sit)

Distribution Hymn

“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

LSB 580

(stand)

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

(sit)

Closing Hymn*“Salvation Unto Us Has Come”*

LSB 555 sts.6-10

P Go in Peace!

C Serve the Lord!

Postlude

Selected Music

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CATECHISM CORNER | *Bite-sized teachings from Luther's Small Catechism*

Written in 1529 in Q&A format, the Small Catechism explores the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Sacrament of the Altar.

What is Baptism? Baptism is not just water, but it is the water used according to God's command and connected with His Word.

What is that Word and command of God concerning Baptism? Jesus says: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatever I have commanded you." Matthew 28:18-20.

SERMON NOTES: Luke 18:9-17

Justified and Generous: The Reformation of the Heart

1. "For everyone who exalts himself will be _____, but the _____ who _____ himself will be exalted."
(Luke 18:14)
2. The _____ of Luther's 95 Theses stated, "The _____ of the Christian is one of _____."
3. The unpolluted, childlike _____ alluded to in the second part of our reading speaks to *Sola Fide* (Faith Alone), God's gift of _____ through which Christ's death _____ us.
4. It's been said that the more a person _____ as a Christian, the more _____ will reveal the utter sinfulness of that person's own _____.
5. _____ makes givers, _____ frees us from fear and greed, and _____ compels us to share what we have received.
6. For where _____ is received with childlike faith, _____ and _____ always follow.



Epiphany Lutheran Church has a podcast! Our ***Peace Be With You*** podcast is available on popular podcast apps, but you can always find it at peacebewithyou.podbean.com (or just scan the QR code).



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.

Epiphany Events Calendar: Our congregation calendar is on our website (epiphanybastrop.org); to add an event, please email secretary@epiphanybastrop.org.

Offering: Should you wish to make your regular tithe or offering online, you may do so at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZKYH/home> or scan this QR code.



10am Adult Sunday School: Next Sunday we will be offering a *Spiritual Gifts Assessment*-- join us and get a better sense of how God wants you to use your spiritual gifts!

Epiphany Sisters of the Light: Join us on Tuesday at 6pm here at the SDA for a discussion of chapters 7 & 8 from *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver. We will share a light supper, fellowship, prayer, and key takeaways from the book. It's not too late to start reading! Need a book? Contact Carole Holschuh.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE 10AM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 Please join us for the inaugural worship service (no Sunday school) on our new property at 124 Three Oaks Ln. in Bastrop! (An official dedication worship service event is being planned for Epiphany Sunday, January 11.)

Voter's Meetings: We have two upcoming Voter's Meetings. For the first one, the Church Council is calling a Voter's Meeting on Sunday, November 16th after the service. The three items on the agenda will be 1) amending our Constitution and Bylaws to add the position of Vice President; 2) amending our Constitution

and Bylaws to enhance and clarify the portion governing ad-hoc committees; and 3) next steps for construction at our 124 Three Oaks property. Our second and final regular Voter's Meeting of the year will be held on Sunday, December 14th after the service. At this time, the two agenda items for this meeting are 1) electing officers and 2) approving our 2026 budget. Please make plans to attend these two very important meetings!

Lutheran Radio: 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. You can also listen to The Lutheran Hour on the local Austin station KLBJ (590 AM or 99.7 FM) at 7am on Sunday.

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The First Annual Epiphany Lutheran Church Spend the Year in Scripture Challenge reading schedule through next Sunday:

- Day 300 - Mon 10/27: Luke 8-9
- Day 301 - Tue 10/28: Luke 10-11
- Day 302 - Wed 10/29: Luke 12-13
- Day 303 - Thu 10/30: Luke 14-16
- Day 304 - Fri 10/31: Luke 17-18
- Day 305 - Sat 11/1: Luke 19-20
- Day 306 - Sun 11/2: Luke 21-22



PRAYERS AT EPIPHANY

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please share any prayer request on the Prayer Requests sheet as you enter on Sunday. You may also email a prayer request, as well as a request to become a part of Epiphany's prayer chain, to secretary@epiphanybastrop.org.

Please continue to pray for...

- Gavin Johnson – Missionary in the Dominican Republic

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY:

Sunday, October 26th

- 10:00am – Children's Sunday School (Fellowship Area)
- 10:00am – Adult Sunday School (Sanctuary)
- 11:00am – Fellowship / Coffee Time
- 11:30am – Worship Service with Communion

Tuesday, October 28th

- 6:00pm – Sisters of the Light Book Discussion

Sunday, November 2nd

- 10:00am – Children's Sunday School (Fellowship Area)
- 10:00am – Adult Sunday School (Sanctuary)
- 11:00am – Fellowship / Coffee Time
- 11:30am – Worship Service with Communion

Answers to Sermon Notes:
1. "For everyone who exalts himself will be **humbled**, but the **one** who **humbles** himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14)
2. The **first** of Luther's 95 Theses stated, "The **life** of the Christian is one of **repentance**."
3. The unpolluted, childlike **faith** alluded to in the second part of our reading speaks to *Sola Fide* (Faith Alone), God's gift of **grace** through which Christ's death **saves** us.
4. It's been said that the more a person **grows** as a Christian, the more **God** will reveal the utter sinfulness of that person's own **heart**.
5. **Grace** makes givers, **faith** frees us from fear and greed, and **love** compels us to share what we have received.
6. For where **grace** is received with childlike faith, **generosity** and **mission** always follow.



Back to the Future: The Parable of the Rusted Key

There once was a pastor who served an old church on the edge of town.

The church had been there for generations—beautiful stained glass, a towering pipe organ, and a cornerstone carved with the words *Soli Deo Gloria*—“To the glory of God alone.” But the congregation had grown small, and the doors had grown stiff on their hinges.

One morning, while cleaning the church basement, the pastor found an old iron key hanging on a nail. It was rusted and heavy, labeled “*For the Reformation Chest*.” Intrigued, he searched until he found a small wooden chest tucked behind boxes of hymnals. The lock was stiff, but after a few turns, it opened.

Inside were faded documents—records of baptisms, tithes, and handwritten letters from the congregation’s earliest days. One letter, dated 1891, caught his eye. It read:

“To whoever reads this: If our church should ever grow cold, remember that faith cannot live without fire. We built this place not for comfort, but for conversion—not to preserve what we have, but to proclaim what we’ve been given. The Gospel must always be rediscovered, again and again. Keep the Word central. Keep grace free. Keep the doors open.”

The pastor sat in silence, tears welling up. He realized that over the years, they had become caretakers of a museum rather than proclaimers of a message. The congregation had worked hard to maintain the building but had forgotten why it was built.

The next Sunday, he brought the chest into the sanctuary. He read the letter aloud and said, “Friends, this is our Reformation moment. We’ve been maintaining what our ancestors once reformed. But God isn’t calling us to maintenance—He’s calling us to *metanoia*—to change our hearts, our habits, and our hope.”

Then he placed the rusted key on the altar. “This key once locked away our past. Now it can open our future. The Church doesn’t need to be reinvented—only rediscovered.”

The people were quiet. Then, slowly, one by one, they began to come forward—placing envelopes, letters, and prayers into the open chest. Some pledged time, some resources, others forgiveness. By the end of the service, the chest was full—not of relics, but of renewal.

[And Jesus might say: "Blessed is the church that reforms not its traditions but its heart. For the Kingdom of God is not built by preservation but by transformation. Where faith grows cold, repentance rekindles the flame; and where the Gospel is rediscovered, grace begins again."]

