

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Reflecting God's generosity by serving and caring

19th Sunday after Pentecost | October 19, 2025 | 9:00am

Prelude

Laurie Thorstad

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: **God is Here!**

hymn 526

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sin. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers, and by Christ's authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

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This Is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, for you know our thoughts and see our hearts. Create in us pure hearts and a willing spirit, that we would be faithful to you until the end and forever share the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Music: Only a Boy Named David

Faith Formation Students

Children's Chat/Teen Talk

Special Music: There Is A Longing In Our Hearts

Jan Lange & Laurie Thorstad

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14

Old Testament page 240 & 483

L: The Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Sarah Deutsch

Hymn of the Day: **Will You Come and Follow Me**

hymn 798

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

L: ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Response: **God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending** hymn 678 | verse 1 | tune of 836

Offering Prayer

L: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Anyone who is baptized, believes Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, and has received instruction in the Sacrament is welcome to commune with us, regardless of church membership. Those who do not partake in the Lord's Supper, are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Communion Hymn: **Jesus Shall Reign**

hymn 434

Blessing

L: May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

L: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: We go reflecting God’s generosity by serving and caring. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Requests

Barb Youell	Becky Baer	Warren Hase	Mark Buesing
Tracy Enz	Laurie Gerdes	Henry Hanson	Mark Hobbs
Gary Johnson	Linda Kiecker	Lisa Kiecker	Barb Liptrap
Eli Mauthe	Andrea Myers	Chelcy Tullgren	Audrey Rieck

- All serving in the military: especially Garrison & Megan Pfeffer (US Air Force)
- Our church family living with cancer: Sue Nasinec, Gloria Ideker, and others

Praises

- Dennis Halloway for keeping up the church lawn.
- That the Holy Spirit continues to reform Christ’s church

Income & Expenses at a Glance

General Fund			Current Mortgage Balance	Endowment Fund	
	9/30/25	YTD 2025		Beg Bal 1/1/2025	\$27,475.31
Income	\$15,104	\$127,956		Ministry Growth	\$525.50
Expenses	-\$13,032	-\$118,987		Market Change	\$ 2,086.80
Net gain/loss	\$ 2,072	\$ 8,970		End Bal 8/31/2025	\$30,087.61

*includes \$2,000 transfer from PPP to Gen Fund for salaries