

# Epiphany Lutheran Church

*Reflecting God's generosity by serving and caring*

Christ the King Sunday | Sunday, November 23, 2025 | 9:00am | HC Setting 8

Prelude

Laurie Thorstad

Welcome and Announcements

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 sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers, and by the authority of Christ alone, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn: **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

hymn 392 | verses 1-4

Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Micah George Deutsch

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*Micah is the son of Revs. Sarah and Aaron Deutsch*

*Rev. Julie Smith is the baptismal sponsor for Micah.*

L: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a

fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*Julie: I present Micah George Deutsch for baptism.*

L: Sarah and Aaron, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

*Sarah and Aaron: We do.*

L: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

To live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that your child may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Micah grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Sarah and Aaron: We do.*

L: Julie, do you promise to nurture Micah in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Julie: I do.*

L: People of God, do you promise to support Micah and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

L: I ask all gathered here today to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

L: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I renounce them.**

L: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

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

L: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: Micah George Deutsch, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

L: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Micah with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

L: Micah George, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

*Lighting of the baptism candle.*

L: Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

*Presentation of gifts.*

*A blanket made by our quilters, that Micah and his family may know they are wrapped in the love and prayers of this congregation.*

*A story Bible, that Micah may come to know that he is one of God's beloved children, and an important part of the greatest story ever told.*

L: Micah, the world will call you many things. The world will try to rename you.

**C: Today we echo the voice of the Triune God. Today we call you beloved child.**

L: When we see you begin to wonder if this new name is really yours,

**C: we promise to remind you. You are indeed a child of God.**

L: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

Special Music: He Will Hold Me Fast      Aaron Deutsch, Alissa Peanasky, & Dawn Peanasky

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty and Gracious King, you reign not from a distant throne, but among your people. As you once spoke hope and peace to your people through the prophet Jeremiah, so speak to us today: plant in us your promises, teach us to seek the welfare of the places where you have sent us, and stir our hearts to trust your plans. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and King. Amen.**

Children's Chat/Teen Talk

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Old Testament page 690

L: The Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Emily Carson

Hymn of the Day: **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

hymn 733

Prayers of Intercession

L: ...Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Offering

Offertory Hymn: **God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**      hymn 678 | verses 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. Amen.

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: **Baptized and Set Free**

hymn 453

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 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 grant you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: **Soon and Very Soon**

hymn 439

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 | Ryan Jensen  |

- 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***

- Rev. Emily Carson for leading worship and preaching today
- For God's saving work in the baptism of Micah George Deutsch
- Aaron Deutsch, Alissa Peanasky, & Dawn Peanasky for providing special music this morning
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### ***Income & Expenses at a Glance***

| General Fund  |           |            | Current<br>Mortgage<br>Balance | Endowment Fund    |            |
|---------------|-----------|------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
|               | 10/31/25  | YTD 2025   |                                | Beg Bal 1/1/2025  | \$27,475   |
| Income        | \$12,796  | \$140,752  |                                | Ministry Growth   | \$791.90   |
| Expenses      | -\$13,860 | -\$132,846 |                                | Market Change     | \$3,365.98 |
| Net gain/loss | \$-1,064  | \$7,906    |                                | End Bal 9/30/2025 | \$31,633   |

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

### ***This Week at Epiphany***

- A Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be held at Resurrection Lutheran Church (1735 E Main St, Mankato), on Wednesday, November 26th at 6:30pm.
- Monday evening Book Study 'The Story of Christianity' meets tomorrow at 6:30pm.
- The Quilters will not meet on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- There is NO Confirmation class on Wednesday, November 26th.
- There is NO Morning Prayer Service on Friday, November 28th.
- There is NO Faith Formation or Adult Study on Sunday, November 30th.

## **Announcements**

- We are in need of individuals, families, or pairs of friends to take part in Advent readings and the lighting of the Advent candles. Sign up on the green bulletin board if you are able to help!
- Check out the Celebration Crafts displayed in the entryway. Beautiful ornaments, pillowcases, potholders and keychains are available – a suggested donation is noted on the poster. Proceeds will go to Epiphany's 40th Anniversary Celebration. Please make checks payable to Epiphany Lutheran Church and put 'crafts' in the Memo line of your check.
- Advent and Christmas decorating will take place on Thursday, December 4th at 6:30pm. Many hands make light work. Please come join us prepare our worship space for the Advent and Christmas seasons.
- 2026 Offering envelopes are in the entryway. If you utilize envelopes, please pick up your packet.
- Holiday Ornament Exchange and Potluck Brunch, Saturday Dec. 6th, 9:30 am - 11 am in the Epiphany Community room! Bring a wrapped ornament to exchange and a dish to pass. Sign up will be on the bulletin board in the Narthex,
- During cold winter months we cannot put glass items in Our Little Pantry. Please consider donations of items that are not affected by the cold – dry soup mixes, pasta or rice meals in boxes, pouches of chicken or tuna, paper products etc.
- Our Noisy Offering for November is designated for the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans.
- In November there are a variety of items you can donate to support local and international ministries:
  - Diapers (size 4 and up) for Feeding Every Baby
  - Body wash and soap for CADA House
- If you would like to help our congregation by preparing communion elements and changing the paraments you can join the Altar Guild. If interested, or if you have questions, please contact Becky at 507-327-9829
- **Mark your calendars ~**
  - Women's Bible Study is Monday, December 1st at 11:30am
  - Advent/Christmas decorating is Thursday, December 4th at 6:30pm
  - Faith Formation students will sing in worship on Sunday, December 7th
  - American Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, December 19th from 12pm – 5pm
  - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship is Wednesday, December 24th at 4pm

## **Sunday Morning Volunteer Schedule**

|                         | <b>November 23</b>           | <b>November 30</b>                                   | <b>December 7</b>                       |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Greeter                 | Joel & Donna<br>Nielsen      | Dave & Becky<br>Overholser                           | Larry & Bernita<br>Geving               |
| Reader                  | Marlyn Mosher                | Carol Regnier                                        | Duane Anderson                          |
| Communion<br>Servers    | Aaron Deutsch<br>Julie Smith | NO<br>COMMUNION                                      | Linda Arndt<br>Beth Rossow              |
| Ushers                  | Dean Nagel<br>Ray Weber      | Terry Johnson<br>Tom Wellner                         | Jane Carter<br>Amy Ely                  |
| Acolyte/<br>Power Point | Eli                          | Kari Severson                                        | Grace                                   |
| Open/Close              | Sue Edstrom<br>Marlyn Mosher | Becky Overholser<br>Joel Nielsen                     | Bernita Geving<br>Joel Nielsen          |
| Counters                | Tracy Enz<br>Dave Overholser | Lisa Nagel<br>Sarah Weber                            | Lisa Nagel<br>Sarah Weber               |
| Altar Guild             | Donna Nielsen<br>Amy Ely     | Susan Brunz<br>Carol Regnier                         | Susan Brunz<br>Carol Regnier            |
| Fellowship              | Deutsch/Peanasky<br>family   | Marlyn & Teresa<br>Mosher, Sis Mosher,<br>Dawn Braam | Dale & Colleen Hall<br>Dave & Judy Kerr |

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