

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Reflecting God's generosity by serving and caring

11th Sunday after Pentecost | August 9, 2026 | 9:00am

Esther: When the World is Out of Order

Prelude

Laurie Thorstad

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn: **All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

hymn 883 | verses 1-4

Confession and Forgiveness

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Apostolic Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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This is the Feast

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Children's Chat

Gospel Acclamation

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Scripture Reading: Esther 1 & 2

Old Testament page 409

Sermon

Pastor Sarah Deutsch

Hymn of the Day: **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

hymn 834

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 Hymn: **We Are an Offering**

hymn 692

Offering Prayer

L: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Preface

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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

Communion Hymn: **This Is My Father's World**

hymn 824

Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Prayer

L: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

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 give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: **On Eagle's Wings**

hymn 787

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

Cathy Anderson	Ken Anderson	Becky Baer	Mark Buesing	Tracy Enz
Henry Hanson	Warren Hase	Mark Hobbs	Gary Johnson	Linda Kiecker
Barb Liptrap	Eli Mauthe	Barb Youell	Dennis Ninow	Chelcy Tullgren
Jeanine Williams	Sue Miller	Laurie Geving		

- 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 mowing.
- Those who helped prepare for, serve, and clean up after National Night Out: Becky, Ann, Dave, Bruce, Brie, Kari, Amy, Katie.
- Duane for his help in making improvements to the Little Pantry storage room.
- Katie, Carol, Joel, Duane, and Winnis for reading today.
- Deb Lee received the challenge coin from the executive director at the VA in St. Cloud for her exceptional work during her Clinical Pastoral Education this summer. She is the first intern to ever receive this award at this location.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are in the process of moving to an email format for newsletters. Have a new email address? Please be sure to email office@epiphanyeaglelake.org and let us know what it is!
- Red Cross Blood Drive | Friday, August 14 in the Community Room
- Our final Vacation Bible School opportunity is August 18-20 with Resurrection Lutheran Church. Registration forms are under the green bulletin board.
- Items needed for the Little Pantry: toilet paper, travel size soap, lotion, shampoo, and conditioner, baking mixes, cereal, pancake mix, individually packaged snacks.

- Volunteers are needed to help make sure the Little Pantry gets filled on Saturdays and Sundays. Speak with Kathy Gerdes or Pastor Sarah if you are able to help out!
- Quarterly statements can be found in the narthex.
- Readers are needed for the month of August. No acting is necessary! Please sign-up on the green bulletin board.
- Summer Read: *Obedient Unto Death* by Liisa Eyerly is a murder mystery set in the days of the Apostles. On Monday, August 31 we will have a Q & A (via zoom) with the author herself!
- Thrivent has made some changes to how choice dollars are designated. If you invest money with Thrivent, and have not yet selected how your choice dollars for 2026 will be designated, now is a good time to log-in and select which organizations will receive those dollars.
- August's noisy offering will benefit the Blue Earth and Nicollet County Humane Society (BENCHS). We are also collecting dry kitten food (NO ADULT CAT FOOD PLEASE).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Outdoor Worship & Pet Blessing: Sunday, August 23
- Breakfast Church and Back-to-School Blessing: Sunday, September 13
- First day of Faith Formation & Confirmation: Wednesday, September 16

Sunday Morning Volunteer Schedule

	August 9	August 16	August 23
Greeter	Dale & Colleen Hall	Dave & Becky Overholser	Amy Ely
Reader	sign up on the green bulletin board		
Communion Servers	Beth Rossow Becky Overholser	Payton Hillesheim Winnis Buesing	Linda Arndt Sue Brunz
Ushers	Dean Nagel Ray Weber	Joe Fisher Bob Brunz	Jane Carter Duane Anderson
Acolyte/ Power Point	Kari Severon	Sheldon	NA- outdoor worship
Open/Close	Kari Severson Katie Sieberg	Sue Edstrom Colleen Hall	Linda Arndt Marlyn Mosher
Counters	Bruce Sieberg Dave Overholser	Linda Arndt Patty Adams	Theresa Mosher Sue Brunz
Altar Guild	Becky Overholser Vickie Huebl	Becky Overholser Vickie Huebl	Donna Nielsen Amy Ely
Fellowship	Mark & Beth Rossow; Linda Arndt	Dale & Colleen Hall, Dave & Judy Kerr	*Ann Stensrud, Larry & Bernita Geving