Epiphany Lutheran Church

Reflecting God's generosity by serving and caring

Sunday, November 15, 2026 | 25th Sunday after Pentecost

The Prophet Micah

Prelude

Opening Hymn: Praise and Thanksgiving **hymn 689**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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.
Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, and of one another.

Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,
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.

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 the baptized, 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.
Amen.

Kyrie **hymn 157**

Now the Feast and Celebration **hymn 167**

Prayer of the Day

God of justice, you sent your servant Micah to proclaim justice and peace to a world that lacked both. Make us instruments of justice and peace, so that your world might prosper. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Chat

Special Music: Thy Loving Kindness — Epiphany Choir

First Reading: Micah 1:3-5; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle, Hallelujah — hymn 172

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:13

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon — Pastor Sarah Deutsch

Hymn of the Day: We Are Called — hymn 720

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, 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.

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: As the Grains of Wheat **hymn 465**

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving and Daily Preface

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…… we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy **hymn 191**

The 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

Distribution Hymn: Canticle of the Turning **hymn 723**

Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer

Post Communion Canticle: Praise to You, O God of Mercy **hymn 208**

Blessing

Sending Hymn: Take My Life, That I May Be **hymn 583**

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 Jeanine Williams
Henry Hanson Warren Hase Mark Hobbs Gary Johnson Linda Kiecker Sue Miller
Barb Liptrap Eli Mauthe Barb Youell Dennis Ninow Chelcy Tullgren Laurie Geving
Nicole Buesing

- 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

- Dave and Dale for their work in getting the area around the garage and shed cleaned.
- Dennis Halloway for keeping the church lawn looking so nice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Following worship today, **Adult Bible Study**, will take place in the conference room.
- The nominating committee has been activated. Please consider the possibility of serving our congregation on **church council or committees**.
- 3rd Quarter **giving statements** are ready to be picked up in the narthex.
- **First Communion Class** will take place November 18, December 2, and December 9 from 5:30-6:30pm. Student are to attend all three dates. If you feel your child is ready to take communion, please speak with Pastor Sarah.
- In November we will collect the following hygiene items for the **LSS Outreach Center**: Shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, bars of soap, individually packaged tooth brushes. All should be full size.
- We are collecting **laundry soap** for the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.
- **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service**: Wednesday, November 25 at 6:30pm at Resurrection Lutheran Church (1735 E Main St, Mankato, MN 56001).
- The Quilting and Sewing group will NOT meet November 25-December 30.
- Next Parents, Babies, and Jesus class: Sunday, November 22
- Next Women's Bible Study: Monday, December 7 at 11:30am

Little Pantry Needs

- Soups (cans and packets)
- rice
- individually packaged snacks
- shampoo and conditioner
- small bottles of condiments
- plastic containers of jelly
- small containers of peanut butter
- paper towels
- boxed meals
- plastic jars of pasta sauce

Sunday Morning Volunteer Schedule

	November 15	November 22	November 29
Greeter	Sue & Keith Edstrom	Deb & Brian Fingerson	Winnis Buesing
Reader	Amy Ely	Marlyn Mosher	Lisa Nagel
Communion Servers	Beth Rossow Amy Ely	Linda Arndt Winnis Buesing	Colleen Hall Duane Anderson
Ushers	Tom Wellner Terry Johnson	Duane Anderson Jane Carter	Joe Fisher Bob Brunz
Acolyte/ Power Point	Gavin	Sheldon	Levi
Open/Close	Sue Edstrom Colleen Hall	Linda Arndt Marlyn Mosher	Becky Overholser Joel Nielsen
Counters	Linda Arndt Patty Adams	Theresa Mosher Sue Brunz	Theresa Mosher Sue Brunz
Altar Guild	Sarah Weber Lisa Nagel	Sarah Weber Lisa Nagel	Susan Brunz Cheryl Wellner
Fellowship	Carol Krueger, Winnis Buesing, Terry Krook	Joel & Donna Nielsen, Patty Adams	Tom Wellner & Terry Johnson, Duane Anderson & Jane Carter

INCOME & EXPENSES AT A GLANCE

General Fund		
	Oct 2026	YTD 2026
Income	$14,061	$131,971
Expenses	$12,366	$122,270
Net gain/loss	$1,695	$9,701

Property Maintenance Fund $37,737

Endowment Fund	
Beg Bal 1/1/2026	$32,004.86
Ministry Growth	$1,030.80
Additional Funds	$10,025.00
Market Change	$2,635.97
End Bal 9/30/2026	$45,696.63