

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Live stream worship service

Traditional

September 27, 2020

Serving in Worship

Presiding: Pastor Jay Shailer

Preaching: Pastor Charlie Woodward

Pianist: John Benjamin

Cantor: Kandis Gibson

Stream Team: Scott Haligowski, Anthony Brown,

Sound & Slides: Melonie June Warren & Roland Hogendoorn

GATHER

PRELUDE:

John Benjamin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESS AND FORGIVENESS

P: Before God and in the company of our brothers and sisters, we confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection)

C: 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.

P: 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 called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

At this time, please share the peace with those around you. Also, please take this time to say hello and share the peace in the comment section of the YouTube channel livestream or in the Facebook feed comment section. Take a selfie and let us know you are worshiping with us!

GATHERING HYMN: HOW GREAT THOU ART



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



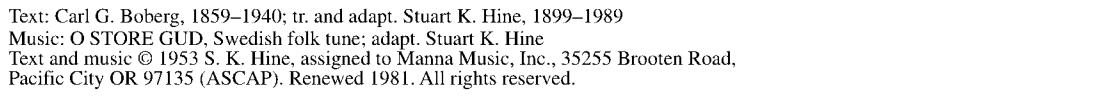
Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!



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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Cantor

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25

Response sung at “R”



A musical score for a hymn. It consists of a single staff with a treble clef and a '4' time signature. The melody is simple, featuring quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes:

Re - mem - ber O Lord, your com - pas - sion and love.

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C: My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

L: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C: Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. R

L: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

L: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

C: You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

L: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way. R

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:23-32

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Charlie Woodward

HYMN OF THE DAY: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - - - - -
2 For - bid it, Lord, that
3 See, from his head, his
4 Were the whole realm of

won - drous cross on which the
I should boast save in the
hands, his feet, sor - row and
na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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 to the dead.

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 THE CHURCH (after each petition...)

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY:

Kandis Gibson

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SENDING

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. 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: LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please take a few moments to share comments and fellowship with each other after the service is completed. The livestream will continue for a few extra minutes to allow for your interaction.

Parish Notes

Recently hospitalized: Phyllis Reed, David Fischer, Stewart Whited
Sympathy to Deb Hauberg on the death of her uncle

Announcements

Drive Thru Pet Blessing
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 6245 Wilmington Pike
Saturday, October 3 | 1-2:30 PM

Pregnancy and Child Loss Virtual Zoom Seminar:
Monday, October 8 and/or October 12 | 6:30 PM
Service of Silent Loss | Far Hills Campus Outdoor Chapel:
Thursday, October 15 | 6:30 PM

Epiphany recognizes the unique grief experienced by the loss of a child, whether through infertility, miscarriage, stillborn birth, special needs or other traumatic events. To acknowledge this loss during Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, Epiphany host a virtual Zoom seminar October 8 and 12 at 6:30 p.m., and gather for an in-person Service of Silent Loss in the Far Hills Outdoor Chapel October 15 at 6:30 p.m. We ask that you register for this event; check the Epiphany website for more information.

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