

Jesus ... said,  
"Take heart,  
daughter; your  
faith has made  
you well."



Matthew 9:22

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**June 11, 2023**

*Worship on Sundays: 8:00 am & 10:15 am*

*Grief Support Group Mondays 7:00 pm*

Richard Hartman - Pastor

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*With One Voice* (blue hymnal)

*Bread of Life*, Setting 5

### ✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

*The weeks of summer coincide with the beginning of the time after Pentecost. Summer brings sunny warmth, growing crops, and the promise of harvest: images of the Holy Spirit's presence and activity in our lives, the church, and the world. Hosea speaks of God's presence as the dawn, as a gentle shower, as light. In our life together as a community of faith, what needs light, warmth, and watering to grow and flourish? How might we be attentive to others' needs to receive this nourishment through God's words of life and holy supper?*

### ✠ GATHERING ✠

#### PRELUDE

*You are invited to let this prelude turn your heart to the Lord and prepare you to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome to all visitors, and thank you for coming to worship at Epiphany!  
If you have any questions, please feel free to ask anyone for assistance.  
Please sign our guest book by the front doors.*

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C: Amen**

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

**C: Amen**

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

L: Gracious God

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN 383** *"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"*

**Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn.**

**Christ rose triumphant that your hearts, with nobler zeal might burn.**

**Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame.**

**As heirs of God's baptismal grace, His word of hope proclaim.**

**Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom's task embrace.  
Redress sin's cruel consequence, Give justice larger place.**

**Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain.  
Stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.**

**Commit your hearts to seek, the paths which Christ has trod.  
And quickened by the Spirit's power, Rise up, O saints of God!**

### **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 (8:00 spoken 10:15 sing)**

L: *Kyrie eleison*     **C: Lord have mercy.**

L: *Christe eleison*   **C: Christ have mercy.**

L: *Kyrie eleison*     **C: Lord have mercy.**

### **SALUTATION**

L: the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)**

L: Let us pray:

**O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## **✠ WORD ✠**

### **FIRST READING Hosea 5:15-6:6**

*Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.*

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor:

"Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth."

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

### **SECOND READING Romans 4:13-25**

*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,

as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th chapter starting with the 9th verse..

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

*Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.*

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY 487** *“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus.”*

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure.  
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirit's lure.  
Onward in his footsteps treading, Pilgrims here our home above.  
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord with me abide, I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness, where he is there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy.  
All discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth here after.  
Jesus here I share your woe, help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus, since by death he conquered death.  
He will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin.  
Then by grace we all may win, Untold fruits of his creation.  
Jesus unto you I die, there to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus, He has risen from the dead.  
That to life we may awaken, Jesus since you are our head.  
We are your own living members, where you live there, we shall be.  
In your presence constantly, living there with you forever.  
Jesus if I faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 life everlasting. Amen

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief moment of silence.*

Unite us, O God, so that all who worship receive assurance and nourishment by faith. Rescue those who suffer from religious persecution. Lord in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Teach us O God, so that the holy mountains and peaceful valleys of your good creation can be restored to the health you intend. Lord in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Empower us, O God, to advocate for those on the margins. Open the hearts of leaders in every nation to serve those who are most vulnerable. Lord in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Equip us, O God, with your love for our brothers and sisters. Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, feed the hungry, and calm those in distress. We especially lift up these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family...*Sarah, Don, Vera, David, Barb, Jim, Sandi, Joe, Sara, George, Dawn* and for those whom we now lift up from our hearts. Lord in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Rouse us, O God, to praise you with gladness. We give thanks for musicians, worship leaders, intercessors, those who prepare the communion table, and all who make our worship express our joy! Lord in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the saints who have deepened our lives of prayer. Gather us with them in endless praise of you. Lord in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken, and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.  
**AMEN**

## **PEACE**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*You are invited to greet one another with the "Peace of the Lord" or similar words.*



**Place offerings in basket on baptismal font**  
OFFERINGS *Please remember offerings can be mailed to*  
*6606 Maplecrest Road Fort Wayne IN 46835*  
*or sent through our website at [www.epiphanyfw.com](http://www.epiphanyfw.com).*

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

L: Let us pray, Merciful God,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **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.

✠ SENDING ✠

## **BLESSING**

L: The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,  
The blessing of Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
And the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth  
be among you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN 390 "I Love to Tell the Story"**

I love to tell the story of unseen things above  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do

*Refrain: I love to tell the story, I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story how pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

*Refrain: I love to tell the story, I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song.  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

### DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

*Thank you for sharing your time and talents!*

**Leaders 8:00**

**Leaders 10:15**

**Pianist**

**Lector 8:00**

**Lector 10:15**

Sue Johnson & Steve Haag

Rebecca Norberg & Steve Haag

Alicia Davis

Sue Davis

Mike Rumfield



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VISITORS** Thank you for coming to worship at Epiphany! If you have any questions, please feel free to ask anyone for assistance. Please sign our guest book by the front doors. WELCOME!

**JUNE OUTREACH** - Bar Soap for our Health and Layette Kits. Each kit takes 2 -3 bars of soap! (8-9oz.) Continue with Health Kit items, bath towels, combs, nail clippers, toothbrushes. Kohl's cash for towels!

**Ongoing Military Support** - Sending Care Packages Granola Bars, Books, Gum, Mints, Hand Sanitizer, Life Savers, Playing Cards, Crackers (Cheese), Chap stick, Wipes, Crackers (Peanut Butter), Puzzle Books and Hard Candies.

**Watch Rummage and Garage Sales** - children's clothing 6 months to 2T  
Short Sleeved shirts, long sleeved shirts, pants, socks, hats, sweaters or sweat shirts, hand towels and baby blankets.

Quilters can use sheets, blankets and mattress pads for middles and backs.

**SIGN UP FOR TIN CAPS TICKETS** - CHECK BULLETIN BOARD

\$12 tickets - game Tuesday August 1 at 7:05, deadline for ticket orders and payment is July 16th.

**VBS has been cancelled for 2023** - due to lack of children registered.

### Epiphany's Calendar of Events

<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship 12:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:00 pm Grief Support Group
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:00 PM Hillsboro Board Meeting/Library
<b>SATURDAY</b>	11:00 am - 12:00 pm Zo Baptist Prayer Mtg/Undercroft 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm Private Event/Osheskie 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship (Josh - Just Neighbors) 8:45 am Council Meeting 12:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School