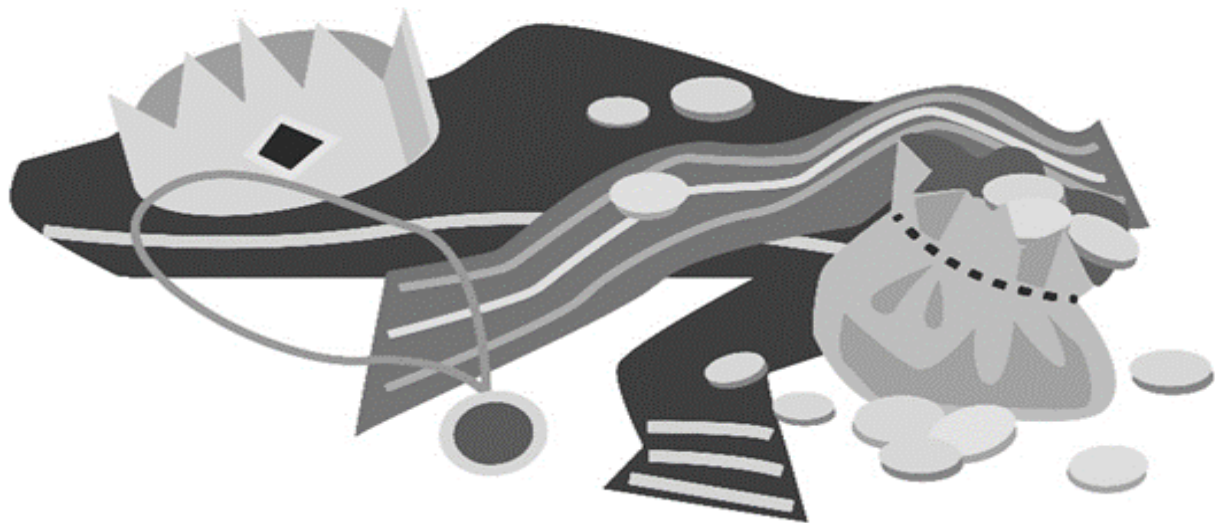


“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Mark 10:17



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21st Sunday of Pentecost

October 13, 2024

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

Worship Mondays: 7:00 pm

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

With One Voice Setting

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter, this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

✠ 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 worshipping with us at Epiphany!
Please sign our guest register at the front door.*

Lutheran World Relief Gifts Blessing

P: Gracious Lord, we ask your blessings on these gifts. Because we go to bed secure and warm;

C: We offer these quilts that those who receive them may know the warmth of Your love,

P: Because our children learn in clean, safe schools;

C: we offer these school kits that those who receive them may learn of Your care for them.

P: Because our babies are wrapped in abundance;

C: We offer these layettes that the babies who receive them may be wrapped in Your protection.

P: Because we have been cleansed in the waters of Baptism;

C: We offer these health kits that those who receive them may be clean in body and spirit.

P: Bless all who receive these gifts and all who have given them to the glory of Your Holy Name.

C: Amen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbor 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

GATHERING HYMN 718 "Here In This Place" Blue Hymnal

**Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame
Call to us now and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry We are the old who yearn for your face
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry Called to be light to the whole human race
Gather us in the rich and the haughty Gather us in the proud and the strong
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly Give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water Here we will take the bread of new birth
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion Give us to eat the bread that is you
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining Not in some heaven light years away
Here in this place the new light is shining Now is the kingdom and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever Gather us in and make us your own.
Gather us in all peoples together Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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

KYRIE (*sing*)

A: *Kyrie eleison*

C: Lord have mercy.

A: *Christe eleison*

C: Christ have mercy.

A: *Kyrie eleison*

C: Lord have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE (*WOV p.29*) *Blue Hymnal*

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

1. **Lord God heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain***

2. **Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. *Refrain***

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

3. **For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Last Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

**Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

SALUTATION

P: the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*)

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN

✠ **WORD** ✠

FIRST READING Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper-class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so, the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have

said. Hate evil and love good and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

PSALM 90:12-17 *(by verse with Assistant/Congregation)*

¹²So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

¹³**Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!**

¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.**

¹⁶Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands O prosper the work of our hands!**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore, we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from God.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

P: The Holy Gospel for this the 21st Sunday in the season of Pentecost is according to Mark, the 10th chapter beginning with the 17th verse.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and

said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 415 *"God of Grace and God of Glory"* Green Hymnal
**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r.
Crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! The hosts of evil round us, scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.**

**Cure your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**Save us from weak resignation, to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of your salvation, be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore.
Serving you whom we adore.**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
By the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made
man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. *A brief silence.*

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely, we pray especially for these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family... **Sarah, Barb, Vera, Jim, Karen, Sara, George, Sandi, Ayden** and those whom we lift up to your care from our hearts. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land, the tribes of Delaware, Kickapoos, and the Eel River band of Miami. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all indigenous people. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **AMEN**

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

You are invited to greet one another with the sign of peace.



Place offerings in basket on baptismal font.
OFFERINGS *Please remember offerings can be mailed to
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or sent through our website at www.epiphanyfw.com.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: 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.**

✠ MEAL ✠

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: and also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: we lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: *It is indeed right and salutary We praise your name and join their unending hymn: (sing)*

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

HOLY COMMUNION



Everyone is welcome to come to the Lord's Table!
Those baptized who believe in the true presence of Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to receive the elements.

We will come up by sections to receive communion and return to our seats around the back side of the altar. Used communion cups are placed in baskets.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strength you and keep you in his grace

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us Pray, Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he is us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

Pastor	Richard Hartman
Pianist	Alicia Davis
Lector/Communion Assistant 8:00	Sue Davis
Lector 10:15	Steve Haag
Communion Assistant 10:15	Nina Haag
Assistant Minister 10:15	Rebecca Norberg
Altar Guild	Haag's
Technical Support	Kristen Davis
Greeters	Davis Family

✝ SENDING ✝

BLESSING

P: 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 ✝ and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN 503 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" Green Hymnal

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end.

Remain forever near me, my master and my friend.

I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side.

Nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

Oh, let me feel you near me the world is ever near.

I see the sights that dazzle the tempting sounds I hear.

My foes are ever near me around me and within.

But Jesus then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still.

Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.



Jordan Robinson - September 15th!

Cooper Hopkins - October 19th!

Mitchell & Maddison Spranger
October 14th - 7 years!

September	Deposits	Bills Paid	Balance
9/1/2024	2,034.51	522.32	1,512.19
9/8/2024	2,765.51	5,776.51	(3,011.00)
9/15/2024	1,314.51	1,705.10	(390.59)
9/22/2024	2,099.51	4,461.82	(2,362.31)
9/29/2024	2,373.47	866.97	1,506.50
Sept Totals	10,587.51	13,332.72	(2,745.21)