



“The
Son of Man
came
not to
be served but
to serve,
and to
give his life
as a ransom
for many.”

MARK 10:45, ESV

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October 20, 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 ✠

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

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

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 423 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" Green Hymnal
Lord whose love in humble service, bore the weight of human need.
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed.
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart.
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread.
Still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion, healed the sick and freed the soul.
By your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light.
In its height and depth and greatness, dawns upon our quickened sight.
Making known the need and burdens, your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

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*)

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

Surely, he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

PSALM 91:9-16 *(spoken by verse with Assistant/Congregation)*

¹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

¹⁰**no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**

¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

¹⁴**Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.**

¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God’s saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been

made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

P: The Holy Gospel for this the 22nd Sunday in the season of Pentecost is from the gospel of Mark, the 10th chapter beginning with the 35th verse.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So, Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 779 *“You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord”* Blue Hymnal
***You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”***

Refrain: *“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”*

**Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear.**

Under God’s wings your refuge with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

**For to the angels God’s given a command, to guard you in all of your ways,
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.** *Refrain.*

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.*

Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace. We pray especially for these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family, **Jim, Vera, Sarah, Barb, Sandi, Sara, George, Karen, Ayden** and for those whom we now list from our hearts. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John, and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. 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 6606 Maplecrest Road Fort Wayne IN 46835 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.
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

✠ **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 723 *"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"* Blue Hymnal

The Spirit sends us forth to serve, we go in Jesus' name.

To bring glad tiding to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free.

Where hope is dim to share a dream and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ to scatter joy like seed.

And all our days to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Then let us go to serve in peace, the Gospel to proclaim.

God's Spirit has empower'd us, we go in Jesus' name.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

Pastor	Richard Hartman
Pianist	Alicia Davis
Lector	Nancy Lee
Communion Assistant	Richard Lee
Lector 10:15	Mark Herb
Communion Assistant 10:15	Jack Swanson
Assistant Minister 10:15	Amber Logan
Altar Guild	Herb's
Technical Support	Kristen Davis
Greeters	Nina and Steve Haag



Mark Herb - October 22nd!

Shane Hopkins - October 24th!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers -in Memory of Denny Mertz by Sally Mertz.

There are 3 Sundays in November that do not have flowers assigned.

October Outreach - Shepherd's House, help for veterans

1. Bath Towels
2. Twin Sheet sets, pillows and blankets
3. Flip flops or shower shoes (Size 11, 12,13)
4. Gym shorts (Medium, Large, X Large)
5. Lounge/Sweatpants (Med. Large, X Large)
6. Boxer briefs (Med. Large, X Large)
7. Colored T Shirts (Med. Large, X Large) *donating some Thrivent shirts

Ongoing Military Support - Sending Care Packages - Granola Bars, Jerky, Gum, Mints, Life Savers, Power Bars, Chap stick, individual drink mixes, individual servings of coffee, and Emergen-C. ***We have shipped 12 boxes so far this year! Big Thank you to Jack and Sandi Swanson for packaging and shipping for us!***

Bible Study - Wednesdays Pastor will be leading a Bible Study at 6:30 pm with dinner before at 6:00 pm. They will all be individual sessions but you may get some homework or readings for the next week. Please sign up so we know how many will be attending for handouts and food.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
SUNDAY 10/20	8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School
MONDAY	8:00-3:00 NHC 6:00 pm Jonathan Oaks meeting 7:00 pm Worship
TUESDAY	6:00 pm - 8:00pm Mill Creek Villa Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:00 Meal 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Practice
THURSDAY	8:00-3:00 NHC
SATURDAY	11:00-12:00 Zo Baptist Prayer Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm Zo Worship
SUNDAY 10/27	8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship Reformation (Wear RED) Celebration Dinner for 85+ 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School

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)