



**Epiphany Lutheran Church**

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**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**October 6, 2024**

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

*Worship Mondays: 7:00 pm*

Richard Hartman - Pastor

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*With One Voice Setting*

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

*Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?*

✠ 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.*

### 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 561** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"* Green Hymnal

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies.

Refrain: *Christ our Lord to you we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.*

2. For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light.
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight.  
For the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight.
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.
5. For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely giv'n.  
Agent of God's grand design, peace on earth and joy in heav'n

### **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 have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN**

**✠ WORD ✠**

**FIRST READING Genesis 2:18-24**

*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish(man) and ishshah(woman).*

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

**PSALM 8** (*by verse with Assistant/Congregation*)

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**<sup>2</sup>Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**<sup>4</sup>what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them  
with glory and honor.

**<sup>6</sup>You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,**

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *You Are the Light*

*Lee Dengler*

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

*Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last

days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

P: The Holy Gospel for this the 20th Sunday in the season of Pentecost is according to Mark, the 10th chapter beginning with the 2nd verse.

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

#### **GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16**

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

#### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY 370** *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”* Green Hymnal

**Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love.**

**The unity of heart and mind, is like to that above.**

**Before our Father’s throne, we pour our ardent prayers.**

**Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear.**

**And often for each other flows, the sympathizing tear.**

**From sorrow, toil and pain, and sin we shall be free.**

**And perfect love and friendship reign, through all eternity.**

### **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.*

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering, we lift up these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family...**Jim, Sarah, Barb, Karen, Sara, George, Sandi, Ayden** and for those whom we lift up from our hearts... Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace,  
**HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet. 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](http://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**

✠ **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 533** *"Now Thank We All Our God"* Green Hymnal

**Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices.**

**Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices.**

**Who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way.**

**With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God, through all our life be near me.**

**With ever joyful hearts, and blessed peace to cheer us.**

**And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed.**

**And free us from all harm, in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given.**

**The Son, and him who reigns, with them in highest heaven.**

**The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore.**

**For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers** -celebration of Mark & Dia Herb's 40th anniversary - TODAY!  
*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
3. Standard size pillows
4. Twin Size warm blankets
5. Flip flops or shower shoes (Size 11, 12,13)
6. Gym shorts (Medium, Large, X Large)
7. Lounge/Sweatpants (Med. Large, X Large)
8. Boxer briefs (Med. Large, X Large)
9. 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!

**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.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

*Thank you for sharing your time and talents!*

<b>Pastor</b>	Richard Hartman
<b>Pianist &amp; Choir Accompanist 10:15</b>	Amanda Pickett
<b>Lector/Communion Assistant 8:00</b>	Sue Johnson
<b>Lector 10:15</b>	Mike Rumfield
<b>Communion Assistant 10:15</b>	Mark Herb
<b>Assistant Minister 10:15</b>	Alicia Davis
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Davis Family
<b>Technical Support</b>	Kristen Davis
<b>Choir Director</b>	Jim Davis

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			

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>SUNDAY 10/6</b>	8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm <i>Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	8:00-3:00 NHC 7:00 pm Worship
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00 pm Meal 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:15 pm Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:00-3:00 NHC
<b>SATURDAY</b>	11:00-12:00 <i>Zo Baptist Prayer Meeting</i> 11:00-3:00 pm DAR Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm <i>Zo Worship</i>
<b>SUNDAY 10/13</b>	8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship Bless Quilts and Kits 8:45 am Council Meeting 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm <i>Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School</i>



Mark and Dia Herb - TODAY - 40 years!  
Nathan and Aleesha Herb - October 7th - 7 years!  
James and Letha Minick -October 7th - 41 years!