

# Where Do You Fit?



**Epiphany Lutheran Church**

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**2nd Sunday of Pentecost**

**June 2, 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 ✠

Deuteronomy makes clear that Sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should not ever work anyone else seven days a week. Even slaves should be able to rest, even resident aliens. Yet human being can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject Sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

✠ 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, 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 712** *“Listen, God is Calling”* (Blue Hymnal)

**Refrain** - Listen, listen, God is calling through the Word inviting,  
Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

**Jesus gave his mandate, share the good news.  
That he came to save us and set us free.** Refrain

**Let none be forgotten throughout the world.  
In the triune name of God go and baptize.** Refrain

**Help us to be faithful standing steadfast.  
Walking in your precepts led by your Word.** Refrain

**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*)

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

**Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to his 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 on the right hand of the Father, receive our  
prayer.** *Refrain*
3. **For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Je-  
sus 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 his 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, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and  
make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin,  
and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord. Amen**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

*Part of the Ten Commandments, these verses instruct the Israelites to keep the Sabbath. The Israelites are to rest and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.*

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

*When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.*

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 2nd chapter starting with the 23rd verse.

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

### **GOSPEL READING: Mark 2:23-3:6**

*Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the Sabbath and tells his critics that the Sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.*

One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: Praise to you O Christ.

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY 719** “*God is Here!*” (Blue Hymnal)  
God is Here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts.  
Waiting the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace.  
Here are table, font and pulpit, here the cross has central place.  
Here in honestly of preaching, here in silence as in speech,  
Here in newness and renewal God the Spirit Comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd’s flock and fold,  
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore.  
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of Church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,  
Keep us faithful to the Gospel, help us work your purpose out.  
Here in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, receive.  
We who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

### 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

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. *A brief silence.*

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Where there is affliction in our world bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them. We lift up these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family... *Vera, Sarah, Don, Barb, Jim, Sara, George, Karen, Sandi, Lauren, Richard* and for those whom we now lift up from our hearts... Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, food pantries like Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County, Recovery Café. Open both our hearts and our tables. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **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.  
C: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN 257 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Holy Spirit truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine.  
Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit clear my sight.

Holy Spirit love divine, glow within this heart of mine.  
Kindle ev'ry high desire, purge me with your holy fire.

Holy Spirit pow'r divine, fortify this will of mine.  
By your will I strongly live, bravely bear and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit peace divine, still this restless heart of mine.  
Speak to calm this tossing sea, stayed in your tranquility.

Holy Spirit right divine, king within my conscience reign.  
Be my guide and I shall be, Firmly bound forever free.

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers today** - Celebrating the 65th Wedding Anniversary of George and Sara Davis by the Jim Davis Family. Their official date is June 7th.

**July Altar Flowers** There 1 week available July 14th. Check it out on the bulletin board.

**JUNE OUTREACH** - Receiving blankets and crib blankets (no fleece) needed, sweaters or jackets, socks, hand towels, short or long sleeved shirts and pants size 6moths to 2T. If you want to make a donation we will shop for you!

**July and August** - we will start collecting the school supplies for the backpack school kits.

**Watch Rummage and Garage Sales** - Quilters can use sheets, blankets and mattress pads for middles and backs full size and larger.

**ORDER TICKETS** by TODAY - Tin Caps Tickets \$12, game on Tuesday June 18th at 7:05pm Lutheran Night!

**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.



George & Sara Davis  
June 7th - 65 years!  
  
Sally Mertz - TODAY!

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

*Thank you for sharing your time and talents!*

<b>Pastor</b>	Richard Hartman
<b>Pianist 10:15</b>	Alicia Davis
<b>Lector/Communion Assistant 8:00</b>	Kim Robinson
<b>Lector 10:15</b>	Cindy Rice
<b>Communion Assistant 10:15</b>	Steve Haag
<b>Assistant Minister 10:15</b>	Jim Davis
<b>Greeter 8:00</b>	Vickie Malott
<b>Greeter 10:15</b>	Cindy Rice



## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY 6/2**            8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship  
                                  12:00 pm - 3:30 pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School

**MONDAY**                7:00 pm Worship

**TUESDAY**              6:00 pm Stillwood Association Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**        10:00 - 12:00pm Quilting

**SATURDAY**            10:00-12:00 pm Quilting  
                                  1:00 - 5:30 pm Private Event Anniversary/Davis  
                                  6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship

**SUNDAY 6/9**            8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship  
                                  12:00 pm - 3:30 pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School

***Council Meeting moved to June 23rd***

	Giving	Bills	(Short)
5/2/2024	2918.51	3380.16	(461.65)
5/12/2024	2387.06	2,514.97	(\$127.91)
5/19/2024	2594.51	3,419.77	(\$825.26)
5/26/2024			