



*Whoever does the
will of God is my
brother and sister
and mother.*

Mark 3:35, NRSV

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3rd Sunday of Pentecost

June 9, 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 ✠

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are sisters and brothers of the Lord. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

✠ 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

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 673 "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me." (Blue Hymnal)

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.

Singing glory, Hallelujah!

Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Singing glory, Hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
Singing glory, Hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me.

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 (*sing*)

L: *Kyrie eleison*

C: Lord have mercy.

L: *Christe eleison*

C: Christ have mercy.

L: *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 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, 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 his people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.*

SALUTATION

L: the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*)

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke" —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 3rd chapter starting with the 20th verse.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 3:20-35

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, sisters and brothers of Christ.

Then he went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind."

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 229 *"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"* (Green Hymnal)

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious.
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might, he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hordes of devils fill the land, all threat'ning to devour us.
We tremble not, unmoved we stand.
They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage. In battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail. God's judgement must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

**God's word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it.
For God himself fights by our side, with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child or spouse?
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever.**

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.

You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness, we pray especially for these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church community... *Vera, Don, Sarah, Barb, Jim, George, Sara, Karen, Sandi, Richard, Lauren* and for those whom we now lift up from our hearts... Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for their first jobs or a new educational journey, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and living in you. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. 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

L: 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

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 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 748 "Bind Us Together" (Blue Hymnal)

Refrain: Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together in love.

**There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one Body. That is why we can sing:** Refrain

**You are the family of God. You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire; you are the glorious new wine.** Refrain

DISMISSAL

L: 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!

Leaders 8:00

Sue Johnson and Steve Haag

Leaders 10:15

Dia Herb and Steve Haag

Lector 8:00

Cheryl Ralston

Lector 10:15

Dottie Zimmerman

Pianist

Amanda Pickett

Technology Support

Kristen Davis

Greeter 8:00

Greeter 10:15

Cindy Rice

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers today - Celebrating the Wedding of Krista (Rumfield) and Jason by Mike and Cathy Rumfield.

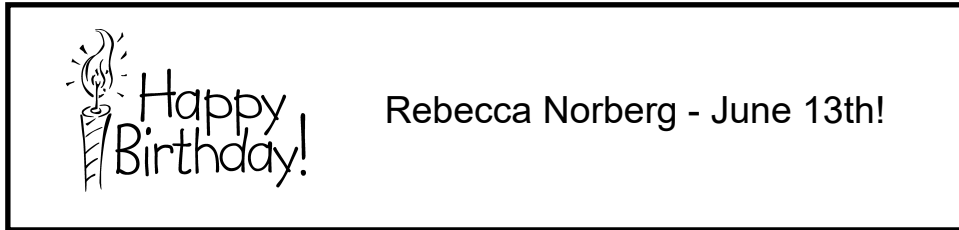
July Altar Flowers There 1 week available July 14th. Check it out on the bulletin board.

JUNE OUTREACH - Receiving blankets and crib blankets (no fleece) needed, sweaters or jackets, socks, hand towels, short or long sleeved shirts and pants size 6months 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.

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.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY 6/9	8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm Private Event/Rice
MONDAY	NO Worship
SATURDAY	1:00 - 3:00 pm Private Event/DAR Board Meeting 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship
SUNDAY 6/16	8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship (Quilts Blessed) 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School

Council Meeting moved to June 23rd

	Giving	Bills Paid	(Under)
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	1690.53	304.98	\$1,385.55
May Totals	9590.61	9619.88	(\$29.27)