



**“IS NOT  
THIS THE  
CARPENTER,  
THE SON OF MARY?”**

**MARK 6:3**

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**7th Sunday of Pentecost**

**July 7, 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 ✠

*Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between; between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.*

✠ 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 756** “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”  
Lord you give the great commission, “Heal the sick and preach the Word.”  
Lest the Church neglect its mission, and the Gospel go unheard.  
Help us witness to your purpose, with renewed integrity.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us, for the work of ministry.

Lord you call us to your service, “In my name baptize and teach.”  
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us, for the work of ministry.

Lord you make the common holy, “This my body this my blood.”  
Let us all for earth’s true glory, daily lift life heavenward.  
Asking that the world around us, share your children’s liberty.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us, for the work of ministry.

Lord you show us love’s true measure, “Father what they do, forgive.”  
Yet we hoard as private treasure, all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us, to a just society.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us, for the work of ministry.

Lord you bless with words assuring, “I am with you to the end.”  
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve you, as you intend  
And amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.  
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us, for the work of ministry.

#### **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 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 pray-  
er. *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*)

**God the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## **✠ WORD ✠**

### **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

*In 597 B.C.E. the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

*Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.*

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

P: The Holy Gospel for this the 7th Sunday in the season of Pentecost is according to Mark, the 6th chapter beginning with the 1st verse.

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

### **GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13**

*At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.*

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY 715** *"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"*

**Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's Word.**

**Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.**

Refrain: God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!  
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!  
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!  
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

**They who have ears to hear the message,  
they who have ears, now let them hear.**

**They who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's Word.** Refrain

**Israel comes to greet the Savior, Judah is glad to see his day.**

**From east and west the peoples travel, God will show the way.** Refrain

## **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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. *A brief silence.*

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our prayer, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing from violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint with your healing hand these members of the Epiphany Lutheran Church family...*Sarah, Don, Vera, Jim, Barb, Karen, George, Sara, Sandi* as well as those whom we now lift up from our hearts... may all who suffer in any way be touched with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. In your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed. Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**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 755 "We All Are One in Mission"**  
**We are all one in mission, we all are one in call,**  
**Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**  
**A single great commission compels us from above**  
**To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called to service, to witness in God's name.**  
**Our ministries are diff'rent; our purpose is the same.**  
**To touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,**  
**So ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.**  
**Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.**  
**We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,**  
**our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

**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!*

<b>Pastor</b>	Richard Hartman
<b>Pianist 10:15</b>	Amanda Pickett
<b>Lector/Communion Assistant 8:00</b>	Sue Johnson
<b>Lector 10:15</b>	Steve Haag
<b>Communion Assistant 10:15</b>	Mark Herb
<b>Assistant Minister 10:15</b>	Rebecca Norberg
<b>Greeter 8:00</b>	Vickie Malott
<b>Greeter 10:15</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nina & Steve Haag

<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Bills Paid</b>	<b>Balance</b>
6/2/2024	2547.51	5255.62	(2708.11)
6/9/2024	2447.51	700.28	1747.23
6/16/2024	1624.51	3,749.47	(2124.96)
6/23/2024	2119.51	2,084.29	35.22
6/30/2024			



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers today** - in celebration of Steve Haag's birthday.

**JULY OUTREACH** - School supplies for the LWR School Kits:

Blue/black stick pens (5 per kit) wooden pencils unsharpened (5 per kit)

Pencil sharpeners, Large pink erasers, 12" ruler with centimeters,

Child size scissors, 24 pack crayons, spiral notebooks 60-80 pages (4 per kit)

Draw string backpacks.

**Layette Items:** short sleeved shirts (6 month-2T), cloth diapers, baby blankets not fleece.

**Health Kits:** large light weight bath towels, toothbrushes

***Remember if you do not want to shop we can take a gift card or cash and shop for you. See Vickie, Cindy or Dia.***

**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.



Steve Haag - July 9th!

Ruby Havers - July 13th!

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### SUNDAY 7/7

8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship  
12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Final Day of Conference

### MONDAY

7:00 pm Worship

### WEDNESDAY

10:00am-12:00 pm Quilting  
6:00 pm Concord Hills Meeting 6:00 pm

### SATURDAY

10:00am-12:00 pm Quilting

### SUNDAY 7/14

8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship  
12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School