

“PROTECT THEM
IN YOUR NAME ...
THAT THEY MAY
BE ONE.”

JOHN 17:11, NRSV



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Saint Michael and All Angels

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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 ✠

The archangel Michael is pictured as a prince and a general of the heavenly army, defeating the dragon (the ancient serpent, the devil, Satan). It is important, though, to see in Revelation 12:11 that God's victory ultimately comes by Jesus' death and the testimony of his followers. The power of God's truth gives us confidence in the face of evil on earth, even in the face of our own death.

✠ 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 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.**

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 pray-
er. 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, 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 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*)

Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever. AMEN

✠ **WORD** ✠

FIRST READING: Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3

Daniel trembles in the presence of an angel. That angel tells the prophet about the good and terrible future when the dead will be resurrected and the archangel Michael will usher in the deliverance of the nation.

But then a hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. He said to me, "Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you." So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. He said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days."

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

PSALM 103:1-5, 20-22

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**⁴who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

**⁵who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**²⁰Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.**

²¹Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.

**²²Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 12:7-12

Armed with the power of God, Michael and the angels of God fight those armed with the power of evil, the devil and the devil's angels. The "blood of the Lamb" our crucified Lord Jesus, gives Michael the power to force the devil from a place in heaven.

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the

deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

P: The Holy Gospel for this Saint Michael’s and All Angels Sunday is according to Luke, the 10th chapter beginning with the 17th verse.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL Luke 10:17-20

The missionary church (“the seventy-two”) is given magnificent power. Greater than this gift power over the enemy, however, is the gift of salvation: their names are written in heaven.

The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 175 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” Green Hymnal

**Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, “Alleluia!”**

**Cry out dominions, principedoms, pow’rs, Archangels, virtues, angel choirs.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim.

Lead their praises, “Alleluia!”

Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnified the Lord.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest.

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant raise the song.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing.

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good
creation, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

We pray for the church and its leaders: for church council members and music ministers, deacons,
pastors, and bishops. Make us faithful messengers of your love in a world hungry for good news.
Hear us, O God. **YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

We pray for the flourishing of all that you have made, for birds and squirrels, spiders and whales,
oak trees and humble grasses. Renew prairies and forests, tundra and wetlands, that they sustain
all who make their home there. Hear us, O God. **YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

We pray for the people of the world and for their leaders. Where conflict and violence reign, bring
peace; wherever there is oppression or discrimination, bring liberation. Guide all in power to protect
those who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God. **YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

We pray for all who are suffering this day, we pray for these members of our Epiphany Lutheran
Church family...**Jim, Sarah, Barb, George, Sara, Karen, Sandi, Ayden** we lift up these special
ones near to our hearts... Accompany people fleeing from danger and encourage all who help them
on their journeys. Abide with all who are in prison or detention centers. Reassure them of your
steadfast love. Hear us, O God. **YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

We pray for all who question their faith. Fill our dry wells with your living water and reassure all who
doubt of your boundless grace. Let us accompany all in discernment with open hearts and tender
care. Hear us, O God. **YOUR MERCY IS GREAT.**

We offer thanksgiving for our beloved dead. At the close of our earthly pilgrimage, gather us with
Michael and all the saints and angels into everlasting life in you. Hear us, O God. **YOUR MERCY
IS GREAT.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus
Christ, our Savior. **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.*

*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 699 "Blessed Assurance"

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!

**Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain: **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echos of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest.
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain**

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 10:15	Alicia Davis
Lector/Communion Assistant 8:00	Sue Davis
Lector 10:15	Melissa Hartman
Communion Assistant 10:15	Mike Rumfield
Assistant Minister 10:15	Rebecca Norberg
Altar Guild	Mike Rumfield
Technical Support	Kristen Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers today - in memory of Charlie by Joyce Husted.

September Outreach - Associated Churches Food Bank. Most needed items:

1. Dry powdered milk
2. Canned meats - chicken, tuna, beef
3. Crackers
4. Peanut butter and jelly
5. Bagged noodles
6. Sauces to go with noodles to make a meal.

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.

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.

		Bills	
September	Deposits	Paid	Balance
9/1/2024	2,034.51	522.32	1,512.19
			(3,011.0)
9/8/2024	2,765.51	5,776.51	0)
9/15/2024	1,314.51	1,705.10	(390.59)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY 9/29	8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship 8:45 am Congregational Meeting and breakfast <i>12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School</i>
MONDAY	8:00-3:00 NHC 7:00 pm Worship
TUESDAY	9:30-12:00 pm Ministerium Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00-12:00 pm Quilting 6:00 pm Meal 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:15 Choir Practice
THURSDAY	8:00-3:00 NHC
SATURDAY	<i>11:00-12:00 Zo Baptist Prayer Meeting</i> 11:00-3:00 pm DAR Meeting <i>6:00-8:00 pm Zo Worship</i>
SUNDAY 10/6	8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship <i>12:00 pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School</i>



Letha Minick - October 1st

Bob & Dottie Zimmerman
October 5th - 56 years!