



Camp Sunday

Epiphany Lutheran Church

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Bring a Friend Sunday

September 18, 2022
Worship on Sundays: 8:00 & 10:15 am
Grief Support : 7:00 pm Monday
Richard L. Hartman - Pastor

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
Acoustic Guitar and Voice Service

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human... gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing- we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

✠ GATHERING ✠

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all visitors, and thank you for coming to worship at Epiphany!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God, clothed in majesty ever since the world began, who loves us and frees us from our sins, who leads us with all the saints to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

P: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God.

silence is kept for reflection

P: God our maker and redeemer,

C: we confess that we have sinned against our sisters and brothers and against you. We cherish the values of this world. We cause others to stumble. The earth is wounded by our excess. Have mercy, O God. Forgive us, renew us, and raise us up on eagles' wings, that we may do your will with courage and delight. Amen.

P: Almighty God has had mercy on us, and God's only Son has been given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins; in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Believing in Jesus' name, you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONGS

"Humble Thyself In The Sight Of The Lord"

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord. (echo)

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord. (echo)

And He (echo) shall lift (echo) you up

Higher and higher.

And He (echo) shall lift (echo) you up.

Draw unto God and He will draw unto you. (echo)

Draw unto God and He will draw unto you. (echo)

And He (echo) will draw (echo) unto you

Closer and closer.

And He (echo) will draw (echo) unto you.

Resist the devil, he will flee from you. (echo)
Resist the devil, he will flee from you. (echo)
And he (echo) will flee (echo) from you
Farther and farther.
And he (echo) will flee (echo) from you.

"I'll Do My Best"

Love, I'll love,
I'll love You Lord forever.
Love, I'll love,
I'll love You Lord forever.

I'll do my best,
I'll do my best, whoa-oh-oh
I'll do my best for You. Oh-Oh-Oh
I'll do my best,
I'll do my best, whoa-oh-oh
I'll do my best for You.

Following verses: Serve, Trust, Praise, and Thank

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 *"Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God"*

Written by: Richard Hartman

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

P: Cast me not away from Your presence.
Take not your Holy Spirit from me. (**C: Create in me...**)
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Sustain me with a willing Spirit. (**C: Create in me...**)
Deliver me from my sinfulness.
For my mouth will sing of your deliverance.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day:

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING Amos 9:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the heat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th chapter beginning at the 1st verse.

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

GOSPEL READING Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY “Open The Eyes Of My Heart Lord”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You,
I want to see You. (*sing twice*)

To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy.

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Holy, Holy, Holy,
Holy, Holy, Holy,
I want to see You. *Repeat from Open*

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith together using the song “*I Believe, I Do Believe.*”

Refrain:

*I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it,
truly I believe it, truly I believe it.
I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it,
truly I believe it, truly I believe it.*

**I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator,
mighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator.
I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator,
mighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator. (*Refrain*)**

**I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people,
Savior of the people, Savior of the people.
I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people,
Savior of the people, Savior of the people. (*Refrain*)**

**And I do believe in the power of the Spirit,
power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit.
And I do believe in the power of the Spirit,
power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit. (*Refrain*)**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief moment of silence.

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

God of grace, you give us life and gifts. Continue to breathe life into each of us and place your healing hand upon those who are struggling with all parts of life. We especially lift up these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family...*Vera, Don, Sarah, Joe, Barb, Jim, Sara, George* and for those who we lift up from our hearts... God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **AMEN**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

You are invited to share words of peace with others online.



OFFERINGS can be mailed, dropped off at church or sent through our website at www.epiphanyfw.com
Worshipping in person place in basket on Baptismal Font.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Merciful God,

C: **as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up 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 that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the host of heaven, we give you thanks, Almighty God.

C: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF 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.
Please share bread and wine or juice at home.*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Now may the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His peace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: God our shepherd, you have gathered us again from scattered places and nourished us with rich food in word and sacrament. Go with us now, that we may seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak, until you gather us and all the saints into your eternal feast with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG *"Mighty Savior"*

Refrain:

**Mighty, mighty Savior,
Mighty, mighty Lord,
Mighty, mighty Savior,
You are my God, You are my God.**

**Father, Father, Father my God,
Father, Father, Father my God,
Let Your praises ring (Let Your praises ring!)
Let Your people sing (Let Your people sing!) (*Refrain*)**

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus my Lord,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus my Lord,
Let Your praises ring (Let Your praises ring!)
Let Your people sing (Let Your people sing!) (*Refrain*)**

**Spirit, Spirit, Spirit of God,
Spirit, Spirit, Spirit of God,
Let Your praises ring (Let Your praises ring!)
Let Your people sing (Let Your people sing!) (*Refrain*)**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

Pastor	Richard Hartman
Assistant	Amber Logan
Lector 8:00	Nancy Lee
Lector 10:15	Steve Haag
Communion Assistant 8:00	Richard Lee
Communion Assistant 10:15	Mark Herb
Musicians	Richard Hartman & Taylor Norberg


This
Week's
Anniversaries

Lee and Sandy Hedin
TODAY - 46 years!

Richard and Nancy Lee
September 21st - 37 years!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Military Support - we continue to send items to be distributed to our troops overseas. Place items in the red bin in the narthex.

September is Suicide Prevention Month:

Text "IN" to 741741 or call 988 24/7 access to trained crisis specialist who can help in times of health-related distress.

September Outreach - Associated Churches foodbank, bring in non perishable food to share with our community!

Congregational Quarterly Meeting: September 25th. Sign up for breakfast before the meeting. Breakfast starts at 8:45 am and meeting at 9:00 am. **Please plan to attend**, we will have additional information on the purchase of the land to our south and zoning for building new houses and rentals. **Also we will be voting on the lighting project to start this fall. We need everyone in attendance please.**

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9-18	8:00am & 10:15am Worship Bring a Friend Sunday 8:45 am Council Meeting 11:30 am Foundation Meeting 12:00- 3:30pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School
MONDAY	8:00-4:00pm NHC 7:00 pm Grief Support 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
WEDNESDAY	6:00 pm Concord Hills Board Meeting/Library
THURSDAY	8:00-4:00pm NHC
SATURDAY	11:00 am-12:00pm Zo Baptist prayer mtg/undercroft 6:00pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship
SUNDAY 6-12	8:00am & 10:15am Worship 8:45 am Quarterly Congregational Meeting and Breakfast 12:00- 3:30pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School Bridal shower - private event