



# Camp Sunday

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**14th Sunday of Pentecost**

**September 3, 2023**

*Worship on Sundays: 8:00 & 10:15 am*

*Worship: 7:00 pm Monday*

Richard L. Hartman - Pastor

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
*Acoustic Guitar and Voice Service*

**✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠**

*The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.*

**✠ 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:

**O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN**

**FIRST READING Jeremiah 15:15-21**

*Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words: "I am with you."*

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

**SECOND READING Romans 12:9-21**

*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationship with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter beginning at the 21st verse.

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

**GOSPEL READING : Matthew 16:21-28**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."*

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit

their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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:**

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation. *A brief moment of silence.*

We pray for the church and its mission. Make your church ready to lose its life for your sake. Unite it in service, sustain it in suffering, and let its love for others be genuine. Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for the earth and its well-being. Make us mindful of the gifts you have labored to give us, and inspire us to commit ourselves to their care. Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for the nations and their leaders. Overcome evil with good. Show us how to live peaceably with all. Teach us how to love our enemies. Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for those in any need. Provide for the hungry. Rescue the persecuted. Bless those who advocate for fair and safe working conditions and for just and livable wages. Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for this community and its ministry. Move us to persevere in prayer, to extend hospitality to strangers, to rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep for those who weep. We pray especially for these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family... *Vera, Don, David, Sarah, Barb, Joe, Sara, George, Sandi, Dawn, Terry, Karen* and for those whom we now name from our hearts... Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for all the saints who now rest from their labors. Keep us in union with them until we are joined around your throne. Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit. **AMEN**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

C: **And also with you.**



**OFFERINGS** can be mailed, dropped off at church or sent through our website at [www.epiphanyfw.com](http://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.*

### 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!*

<b>Pastor</b>	Richard Hartman
<b>Assistant</b>	Mark Herb
<b>Lector/Communion Assistant 8:00</b>	Sue Johnson
<b>Lector 10:15</b>	Alicia Davis
<b>Communion Assistant 10:15</b>	Cathy Rumfield
<b>Musicians</b>	Richard Hartman & Taylor Norberg

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Altar Flowers today** are in memory of Jack Flanigan by his wife Becky.

**Kits** - if you find a bargain pick it up, we should be good for this year but can stock up for next year!

**Military Support** - we just shipped 3 more boxes for support overseas. Put your donations in the Red Bin, hard candies, granola bars, individual snacks, powdered drink mixes, playing cards, pocket size paperback books, puzzle books, lip balm.

**September Outreach is the Associated Church's Food Bank -**

items most needed:

Canned fruit or vegetable with pop tops or microwavable.

Peanut Butter, crackers, jelly, Powdered Milk (Walmart 10 pack \$9.97)

Macaroni and cheese, canned meats, packets of rice or potatoes, cereal.

Easy access items, if you don't want to shop Vickie or Cindy with take your donation and pick things up.



## CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY 9/3</b>	<b>8:00am &amp; 10:15am Worship</b> 12:00- 3:30pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Labor Day no Worship</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	10:00 am - 12 Quilting
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:00 am-3:00 pm North East Homeschool Coop starts <b>3:00 pm Set up for School Kits and Health Kits</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10:00 am - 12:00 pm Quilting <b>10:00 am set up school and health kits</b> 11:00 am-12:00pm Zo Baptist prayer mtg/undercroft 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Private Event Fellowship Hall <b>3:00 pm finish set up of Layette Kits and Shipping area</b> 6:00pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship
<b>SUNDAY 9-10</b>	<b>8:00am &amp; 10:15am Worship</b> 12:00- 3:30pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School



Charlene Schroeder - August 28th!  
Shane Pickett - August 31st!  
Vera Burton - TODAY!