



Camp Sunday

Epiphany Lutheran Church

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4th Sunday of Pentecost

June 16, 2024

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 mustard seed becomes a shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny no-account seed. It is not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

✠ 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"

1. 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.

2. *Serve*, 3. *Trust*, 4. *Praise*, and 5. *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, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

P: The Holy Gospel for this the 4th Sunday in the Season of Pentecost is from the gospel of Mark 4th chapter beginning at the 26th verse.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL READING : Mark 4:26-34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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:

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. *A brief silence.*

Nourish your faithful people through gifts of word and worship. Guide the church in listening to and interpreting your message of grace for this time and place in history. In your wisdom, lead us in expanding the reach of your love. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Nature sings of your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. Sustain the holy rhythms of creation: days and seasons, hibernation and activity, phases of the moon and the tides of the sea. Let these patterns assure us of your constancy. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

You raise the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up the lowly and humble those in high regard. Raise up all who are victims of marginalization, discrimination, and hate. As we anticipate Juneteenth, banish white supremacy and bigotry from the hearts of your people and remove the inclination toward anger and violence. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Tend to all who journey by faith and who wait with patience for the fulfillment of your healing promises, we pray especially for these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family... *Sarah, Jim, Vera, Don, George, Sara, Barb, Karen, Richard, Sandi, Lauren* and for those whom we now lift up from our hearts... Grant perseverance to people doing physical and occupational therapy, people living with mobility and concerns, and people facing chronic pain. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

As you have loved us, so let us love one another. Empower fathers, stepfathers, adoptive fathers, and chosen fathers to embody this gift of love for their children. Where these relationships are strained or broken, bring your comfort and peace. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

With gratitude, we remember the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. 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**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.



You are invited to share the peace with others around you.

OFFERINGS can be mailed, dropped off at church or sent through our website at www.epiphanyfw.com

Place Offering 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 651 "Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord and let there be light.

Lord the light of your love is shining,
in the midst, of the darkness, shining.
Jesus light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell you story,
Shine on me, shine on me. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers today are in Memory of DJ Gray, grandson of Nina and Steve Haag.

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.



Zoey Osheskie - June 22nd

Milad Khouli - June 22nd!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

Pastor

Richard Hartman

Assistant

Alicia Davis

Lector/Communion Assistant 8:00

Richard and Nancy Lee

Lector 10:15

Mark Herb

Communion Assistant 10:15

Musicians

Richard Hartman & Taylor Norberg

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 6/16	8:00am & 10:15am Worship Camp Sunday 12:00- 3:30pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School
MONDAY	7:00 pm Worship
TUESDAY	7:05 pm Lutheran Night at the Tin Caps
THURSDAY	6:00 pm Hillsboro Board Meeting
SATURDAY	11:00 am-12:00pm Zo Baptist prayer mtg/undercroft 6:00pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship
SUNDAY 6/23	8:00am & 10:15am Worship 8:45 Council Meeting 12:00- 3:30pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School

	Giving	Bills Paid	Balance
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)
6/2/2024	2547.51	5255.62	(2708.11)