



# World Missions

**Epiphany Lutheran Church**

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**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
September 11, 2021**

*Worship on Sundays: 8:00 & 10:15 am*  
*Grief Support Group: 7:00 pm*  
Richard L. Hartman - Pastor

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

### ✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

*The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.*

### ✠ 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 coming to worship at Epiphany!  
Please sign our guest register and ask anyone for assistance.*

#### 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 526** *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise.

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.

Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light.

Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might.

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above.

Thy cloud which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.

In all life thou livest, the true life of all.

We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree.

And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light.

Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.

All laud we would render, oh, help us to see.

‘tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

**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.**

**SALUTATION**

P: the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(unison)*

**O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**✠ WORD ✠**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14**

*While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people and boldly asks for mercy for them.*

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of

Egypt!” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

**Psalm 51:1-10** (*responsively men and women*)

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass  
judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup>**You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**SECOND READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

*The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.*

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke from the 15th chapter beginning with the 1st verse.

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

## **GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-10**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY 456 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"**

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack for I am his and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth.  
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me.  
And on his shoulders gently laid and home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee dear Lord beside me.  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight, Thine unction grace bestoweth.  
And oh what transport of delight, from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd may I sing thy praise, within thy house forever.**

## **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

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.*

Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need, we pray especially for these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family...*Sarah, Don, Jim, Joe, Barb, Vera, Sara, George* and for those who we name from our hearts... God of grace. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community, that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of eternal life with you. 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**

## PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

*You are invited to greet one another with words of Peace, share words of Peace online.*



## OFFERINGS

***Please remember offerings can be dropped off at church  
mailed to Epiphany Lutheran Church, 6606 Maplecrest Road  
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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** *(sing)*

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:*

**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.**

**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** *(share bread and wine or juice at home)*



***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, remembering our social distancing.*

*Pastor and Assistant will wear masks for communion.*

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 in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

✠ SENDING ✠

**BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN** “*God’s Work, Our Hands* “ *Tune - Earth and All Stars*

**God's work, our hands: working together,  
building a future, repairing the world,  
Raising up homes, planting new gardens,  
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.  
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.**

**God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,  
following Jesus to places unknown,  
walking as friends, marching for freedom,  
running the race with God's future the goal.  
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.**

**God's work, our voice: singing together,  
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,  
praying for peace, shouting for justice,  
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.**

**God is at work in and around us:  
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!  
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,  
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.  
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.**

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

*Thank you for sharing your time and talents!*

<b>Pastor</b>	Richard Hartman
<b>Lector/Communion Assistant 8:00</b>	Kim Robinson
<b>Lector 10:15</b>	Mike Rumfield
<b>Communion Assistant 10:15</b>	Nina Haag
<b>Pianist</b>	Sara Davis
<b>Assistant Minister</b>	Dia Herb



Steven Auman  
September 12th!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**God's Work Our Hands - TODAY** after each service.  
Come help assemble kits.

**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!

**Congregational Quarterly Meeting:** 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.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>SUNDAY 9-11</b>	8:00 and 10:15 Worship (10:15 LIVE on Facebook/YouTube) 9:00 am Assemble Lutheran World Relief Kits 11:15 am Finish assembling kits 12:00 - 3:30 pm Zo Baptist Sunday School and Worship
<b>MONDAY</b>	8:00 am - 4:00 pm NHC 7:00 pm Grief Support Group 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:00 am - 4:00 pm NHC 6:00 pm Hillsboro Board Meeting - Library 6:30 pm Jonathan Oaks Meeting
<b>SATURDAY</b>	11:00 - 12:00 Zo Baptist Prayer Meeting 6:00 - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship
<b>SUNDAY 9-18</b>	8:00 and 10:15 Worship (10:15 LIVE on Facebook/YouTube) <b><i>Bring a Friend Sunday - Camp Sunday</i></b> 8:45 am Council Meeting 11:30 am Foundation Meeting 12:00 - 3:30 pm Zo Baptist Sunday School and Worship