

**Epiphany Lutheran Church**

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Pentecost**

**June 23, 2024**

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

*Worship on Mondays: 7:00 pm*

*Richard L. Hartman - Pastor*

# **THE FEAST OF LIFE**

## **A Contemporary Communion Liturgy**

**✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠**

*Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.*

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### **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!  
If you have any questions, please feel free to ask anyone for assistance.  
Please sign our guest book by the front doors.*

### **THE PREPARATION**

#### **ENTRANCE SONG "Carry the light..."**

*Refrain:*

**Carry the light of the Lord our God into ev'ry earthly place.  
High from the hill where the cross shines bright in glorious streams of grace.**

**Walk on in a grand procession, follow the cross at his lead.  
On now, ev'ry tongue confess "Christ the Lord!" Is our creed. *Refrain***

**Walk forward your worship raising, singing the vict'ry he won.  
On, then with this song of praise, brighter than light is God's Son. *Refrain***

### **GREETING**

**P:** Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** May he bless and keep you in his grace.

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Everyone has sinned and is far from God's glorious presence. No one is righteous. All like sheep are gone astray, each one going his own way.

**C:** Gracious God, we are enslaved to sin and powerless to save ourselves. By our lovelessness we sin against you day and night. In your boundless love, wash away our sin, that we may rise from death and live anew in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **CONFESSIONAL SONGS "There is no place..."**

**There is no place to hide, Lord. Your eye can see inside, Lord.  
There is no place to go, Lord. You search the dark and know, Lord.  
Hide anywhere, Lord and you are there, Lord. There is no mask to wear.**

**Purge me clean with your hyssop, Lord, Wash me whiter than snow.  
Hide your face from my sins, O Lord. Blot them out from your sight.  
In your mercy and grace restored, my heart is new and right.  
Purge me clean with your hyssop, Lord. Wash me whiter than snow.**

**Cast me not from your presence, Lord. Grant your Spirit to me.  
In the joy of your saving word, set my spirit free.  
Purge me clean with you hyssop, Lord.  
Purge me clean with your hyssop, Lord.  
Purge me clean with your hyssop, Lord.**

P: There is now no condemnation for anyone in Christ Jesus. Your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, They bless the Lord and sing to God their Savior.**

### **SONG OF PRAISE** *“Bless the Lord...”*

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and let all within me bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul and remember all his benefits and his kindnesses.  
He forgives all my sins, and heals all my hurts.  
He redeems my life from the grave, and he crowns me with love and mercy.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, O Bless the Lord, my soul, Bless the Lord!**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray,

**O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN**

#### **FIRST LESSON Job 38:1-11**

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companion have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God’s ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

#### **RESPONSE SONG** *“Sow the seeds...”*

**Sow the seeds of life, dear Lord. Help us grow by your word.  
Life will bloom with blessings when, we your voice have heard.  
May our minds be made anew, by your word, breaking through.  
Let the sun come shining in, ev’ry heart renew.**

## **SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

*Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation..*

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

**GOSPEL SONG** *"Rise for the Gospel..."*

**Rise for the Gospel, the power of God. Praise him.**

**Christ the living word. Blessed is his name forever.**

**Blessed is the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!**

## **THE GOSPEL IS ANNOUNCED**

**P:** The Gospel for this, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Pentecost, is taken from the gospel of Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning with the 35<sup>th</sup> verse.

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

## **GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41**

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!**

## **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY 731** *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* (Blue Hymnal)

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on let me stand  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone.  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone.  
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

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

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling... *Jim, Vera, Don, Sarah, Karen, Barb, George, Sara, Sandi* and all of those whom we now lift up from our hearts... Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In time of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Merciful God, **RECEIVE OUR PRAYER.**

Receive our prayer, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and love of the Jesus Christ. **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 “Peace of the Lord.”*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *Sing*

Our Father in heav'n above, hear your children pray in love.

Holy, holy is your name, on our lips ever keep it the same.

Let your kingdom come , O Lord, as we share your living word.

Rule our hearts and lives with grace, till we see your heavenly face.

May your heavenly will be done, here on earth, let all be one.

Grant us strength to follow your ways, keep us in the faith all our days.

Give us Father our bread each day, as with thankful hearts we pray.

Help us share with all in need, and with joy your hungry feed.

Though we sin Father please forgive, let your grace then through us live.

Melt our hearts, let mercy increase, that your children may all live in peace.

Lead us through all the tempter's snares, fill our minds with heav'nly cares.

Save us all from evil and sin, till in heaven our crown we win.

Lord, your kingdom will ever stand, Lord, all power rest in your hand.

Glory, honor, praise without end, Father be to you. Amen.

## OFFERTORY SONG *"Gather the gifts..."*

Cantor Sings Part L

L: Gather the gifts, manifold blessings of God in such bounty unfold.

Baskets of bread, time and gold given as signs our thanksgiving they hold.

**C: Harvesting, gathering gifts from above.**

**Offering, joyfully ourselves with love.**

L: Harvest the field, grape and grain, fruit of the earth born of sunshine and rain.

Vineyard and wine, wheat and plain - His loaf and cup are good gifts, they sustain.

**C: Harvesting, gathering gifts from above.**

**Offering, joyfully ourselves with love.**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray

. 8C: The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you supply our every need. You care for us from day to day, and open your hand in love to all. For all your gracious gifts, O God, we give you thanks and praise, now and always. Amen.



**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](http://www.epiphanyfw.com).*

## THE COMMUNION

### COVENANT SONG *"I greet you..."*

P: I greet you as your brother and God's Servant.

**C: We greet you, too, as children of the Lord.**

P: Let us share together God's new covenant.

**C: United here in his word. Raise up your voices. Sing to our God.**

**Call out: one faith, one Lord, one body! God is our Victor, glorious and bright!**

**This is the feast of life. This is the feast of life.**

### CONSECRATION SONG *"On the night..."*

P: On the night our Lord was betrayed, he took bread, and he broke it and gave thanks.

Then to his disciples he gave it as he said: Take, eat, this is my body given for you.

**C: Do this in remembrance of me.**

P: When the supper ended, he took the cup, and sharing it with all he gave thanks, saying:

This is the new covenant, my blood shed for you, for the forgiveness of sin.

**C: Do this in remembrance of me.**

### INVITATION SONG *"Come to God's table..."*

P: Come to God's table and live.

**C: This is God's table. Now the feast is spread. From above, come, Living Bread, feed us your love.**

**Christ, our Light, come shine upon this bread and wine. Christ, our life come near. Fill us with your presence here. This is God's table. Come to the banquet of life.**

## THE FEAST IS SHARED



### ***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 come forward by pew sections,  
beginning on the lectern side of the sanctuary.*

**NOTE:** *There is grape juice in the center ring of each communion tray for those who so desire.*

## SONG OF COMMUNION

Holy communion, in this high feast we share God's holy grace,  
heavens embrace, unending care.

We are Christ's body, one in his love divine.

One in his bread, with him now wed, one in his wine.

Peace Lord is poured now, vessels of love brim full.

Joy overflows, life in us grows, so bountiful.

Holy communion, in this high feast of love. See dawning here, God's glory near, the feast above.

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the presence of the Lord strengthen and keep us always in his life.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER

P: To him who is able to keep you safe and bring you blameless into his glorious presence, to the only God, our Savior, be glory, power, majesty and might, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**BLESSING** *sing*

P: God, bless the people of the world, God, bless them all.  
God, bless your children. God, save us all!

**God, love the people of the world. God, love them all**  
**God, love your children. God save us all.**

**God, help the people of the world. God, help them all.**  
**God, help your children. God save us all.**

**God, bless the people of the world. God, love them all.**  
**God, help your children. God save us all.**

**DISMISSAL**

P: The supper is ended. Go now in peace. We wait for the promised feast to come.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**DEPARTURE SONG** *“Carry the light...”*

*Refrain:*

*Carry the light of the Lord our God into ev’ry earthly place.*

*High from the hill where the cross shines bright in glorious streams of grace.*

**Walk through ev’ry valley boldly, bearing the lamp of the Lord.**  
**Onward, with the saints of old, robed in the light of his word.** *Refrain*

**Walk into the world rejoicing, shining with light from above.**  
**On, till ev’ry heart and voice, join in the song of his love.**

*1984 Frank D. Janzow*

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

*Thank you for sharing your time and talents!*

<b>Pastor</b>	Richard Hartman
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Mark Herb
<b>Pianist</b>	Amanda Pickett
<b>Guitarist</b>	Taylor Norberg
<b>Cantor</b>	Rachael Pickett
<b>Lector/Communion Assistant 8:00</b>	Sue Johnson
<b>Lector 10:15</b>	Melissa Hartman
<b>Holy Communion Assistant 10:15</b>	Dia Herb
<b>Alter Guild</b>	Amanda and Rachael Pickett



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers today** are in celebration of Taylor and Rebecca Norberg's 2nd anniversary on June 25th!


**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.



Zack and Molly Bowman  
June 24th - 7 years!

Taylor and Rebecca Norberg  
June 25th - 2 years!

Jack and Sandi Swanson  
June 26th - 42 years!

Jessica Hopkins - June 23rd!  
Dia Herb - June 24th!  
Molly Bowman - June 29th!

## Epiphany's Calendar of Events

<b>TODAY 6/23</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost - Janzow Service</b> 8:00 am & 10:15 am <b>Worship</b> 8:45 am Council Meeting <i>12:00-3:30 pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>7:00 pm Worship</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	12:00 pm Set up for Wedding Reception
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>11:00 am - 4:00 pm</b> Raber Wedding and reception <i>6:00 -8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship</i>
<b>SUNDAY 6/30</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost</b> <i>install council</i> 8:00 am & 10:15 am <b>Worship</b> <i>12:00-3:30 pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School</i>

## June Financial Report

	Deposits	Bills Paid	Balance
6/2/2024	2547.51	5255.62	(2708.11)
6/9/2024	2447.51	700.28	1747.23