



Epiphany Lutheran Church

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Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023 - 8:00 & 10:15 am
Worship on Sundays: 8:00 & 10:15 am
Grief Support : 7:00 pm Monday
Richard L. Hartman - Pastor

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
With One Voice Setting

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts, the Spirit arrives in rushing winds and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the 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.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

P: Gracious Lord, we ask your blessings on these quilts. Because we go to bed secure and warm.

C: We offer these quilts that those who receive them may know the warmth of your love.

P: Bless all who receive these gifts and all who have given them to the glory of Your Holy Name.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG 161 "O Day Full of Grace"

O day full of grace that now we see, appearing on earth's horizon.

Bring light from our God that we may be, replete in his joy this season.

God shine for us now in this dark place, your name on the hearts emblazon.

O day full of grace O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving.

Them came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving.

For Jesus all mortals did embrace, all darkness and shame removing.

For Christ bore our sins and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging.

And then he arose and moved the stone, that we unto him belonging.

Might join with angelic hosts to raise, our voices in endless singing.

**God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit new life revealing.
That we might no more from him be lost, all darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface, and bring to us all his healing.**

**When we on that final journey go, that Christ for us preparing.
We'll gather in song our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing.
And walk in the light of God's own place, with angels his name adoring.**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE *(WOV p.29)*

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to his people on earth.

- 1. Lord God heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Refrain**
- 2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated on the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.**

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to his people on earth.

- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Refrain: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to his people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.

SALUTATION

P: the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples are able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

No one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter beginning at the 19th verse.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

GOSPEL READING John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said,

“Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

PUPPET MINISTRY

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 163 *“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”*

**Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, with all your graces now out pored
On each believer’s mind and heart, your fervent love to them impart.
Lord by the brightness of your light, in holy faith your Church unite.
From ev’ry land and ev’ry tongue. This to your praise O Lord our God be sung.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Come, holy Light, guide divine, now cause the Word of life to shine.
Teach us to know our God aright, and call him Father with delight.
From ev’ry error keep us free, let none but Christ our master be.
That we in living faith abide, in him, our Lord with all our might confide.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Come, holy Fire, comfort true, grant us the will your work to do.
And in your service to abide, let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by your power prepare each heart, and to our weakness strength impart.
That bravely here we may contend, through life and death to you our Lord ascend.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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:

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief moment of silence.*

We pray for the church. Inspire us with your Spirit. Unite us in your love. Raise up faithful leaders from among our youth and our elders to guide your church throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For the earth. For city parks and wildlife refuges. For community gardens, farms, and ranches. For agricultural workers, seafood harvesters, and subsistence farmers. Nourish the earth with seasonable weather and adequate rainfall. Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For the nations. For people of every land and language. End violence, warfare, and ethnic strife. Lead us from fear of friendship, from injustice to equality, from oppression to freedom. Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For those in need. For those who are neglected or abused. For the unemployed. For those who struggle with addiction. For those nearing death, those who grieve, and all who are ill. We especially lift up these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family...*Don, Vera, Jim, Sarah, Barb Joe, Sara, George, David, Sandi, Richard, Dawn, Cathy* and for those whom we now lift up from our hearts... Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

For this congregation. For those who work with children. For those discerning a call to ministry. For all the baptized and those who have newly affirmed their baptism. For visitors, new members, and those who are absent from us today. Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their witness and bring us to the fullness of your promise of resurrection and eternal life. Lord, in your mercy, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

Greet others around you with the "Peace of the Lord or similar words.



OFFERINGS can be mailed, dropped off at church or sent through our website at www.epiphanyfw.com
Place offerings 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 (*WOV p.36*)

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 salutaryWe praise your name and join in 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. Hosanna in the highest.

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 grace.

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 HYMN 756 "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Lord you give the great commission, "Heal the sick and preach the Word."

Lest the Church neglect its mission, and the Gospel go unheard.

Help us witness to your purpose, with renewed integrity.

Refrain: **With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us, for the work of ministry.**

Lord you call us to your service, "In my name baptize and teach."

That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,

Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community. *Refrain*

Lord you make the common holy, "This my body this my blood."

Let us all for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward.

Asking that the world around us, share your children's liberty. *Refrain*

Lord you show us love's true measure, "Father what they do, forgive."

Yet we hoard as private treasure, all that you so freely give.

May your care and mercy lead us, to a just society. *Refrain*

Lord you bless with words assuring, "I am with you to the end."

Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve you, as you intend

And amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity. *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE Outreach - Continue to bring in soap for the Health Kits and Layettes. We are also collecting all the items for those kits- Bath Towels, nail clippers, toothbrushes and combs. Layettes need Hand Towels, diaper pins, baby hats, socks, short sleeved and long sleeved shirts, pants, blankets. 6-24 months no fleece.

Lutheran Night with the Fort Wayne Tin Caps - \$1 from each ticket goes to Lutheran Life Villages Employee Assistance Program a mental and wellness program for staff and their families Post game fireworks and \$2 hotdogs, popcorn, soft drinks and pizza slices. Game is Tuesday August 1st at 7:05 pm. Sign up sheet on round table, pay for tickets by July 16th.

Military Support - please stop by and read the letters received directly from those who have received our boxes. We collect these items all year and send boxes all year. Individually wrapped items - Hard candies, jerky, crackers with cheese or peanut butter, lip balm, playing cards, pocket sized books, granola bars, etc. Place items in red bin.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

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| Pastor | Richard Hartman |
| Assistant | Dia Herb |
| Lector/Communion Assistant 8:00 | Kim Robinson |
| Lector 10:15 | Shane Pickett |
| Communion Assistant 10:15 | Mike Rumfield |
| Puppets | Mike Rumfield & Rebecca Norberg |



Bill Williams - TODAY!
Becky Flanigan - TODAY!
Allan Longroy - TODAY!
Sally Mertz- June 2nd!

CALENDAR

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| SUNDAY 5-28 | 8:00am & 10:15am Worship Pentecost Sunday/Blessing the Quilts 12:00- 3:30pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School |
| MONDAY | Memorial Day office closed |
| FRIDAY | 6:00 pm Meaningful Day |
| SATURDAY | 11:00 am-12:00pm Zo Baptist prayer meeting/undercroft 6:00pm - 8:00 pm Zo Baptist Worship |
| SUNDAY 6-4 | 8:00am & 10:15am Worship Trinity Sunday 12:00- 3:30pm Zo Baptist Worship and Sunday School 3:00-7:00 pm Private Event |

Mental Health Info

MYTH: Psychiatric medication are “an easy way out” and only avoid dealing with the issue.

TRUTH: For many with mental illness, medication is necessary, just like taking insulin is critical for a diabetic.