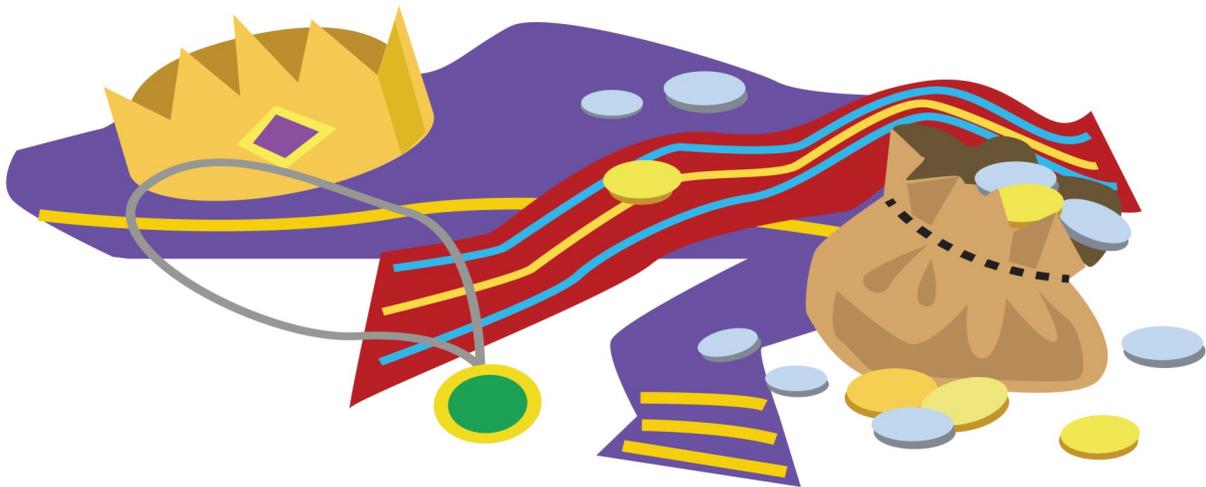


**“Good
Teacher,
what must I do to
inherit
eternal life?”**

Mark 10:17



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20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Grief Support Mondays: 7:00 pm

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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Lutheran Book of Worship

Setting Two (*green hymnal*)

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter, this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

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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

BLESSING OF LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of 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 our sins 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 by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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

OPENING HYMN 560 *"Oh that I Had a Thousand Voices"*

*Oh, that I had a thousand voices, to praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, would then proclaim in grateful songs.
To all wherever I might be, what great things God has done for me!*

*O all you pow'rs that he implanted, arise keep silence now no more.
Put forth the strength that God has granted! Your noblest work is to adore!
O soul and body join to raise, with heartfelt joy our maker's praise!*

*You forest leaves so green and tender, that dance for joy in summer air.
You meadow grasses bright and slender, you flow'rs so fragrant and so fair.
You live to show God's praise alone, join me to make his glory known!*

*All creatures that have breath and motion, that throng the earth, the sea, the sky.
Come share with me my heart's devotion, help me to sing God's praises high!
My utmost pow'rs can never quite, declare the wonders of his might!*

*Creator humbly I implore you, to listen to my earthly song.
Until that day when I adore you, when I have joined the angel throng.
And learned with choirs of heav'n to sing, eternal anthems to my king!*

APOSTOLIC 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 *spoken with Assistant*

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy

A: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN

FIRST LESSON : Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper-class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

PSALM 90:12-17 read together

¹²**So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.**

¹³**Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!**

¹⁴**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.**

¹⁶**Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.**

¹⁷**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands, O prosper the work of our hands!**

SECOND LESSON : Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from God.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 10th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 406 *"Take My Life, that I May Be"*

Take my life that I may be, consecrated Lord to thee.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use, ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord I pour, at thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself and I will be, ever, only, all for thee.

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 the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief moment of silence.*

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy.

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy.

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. We especially lift up the ministries of: Just Neighbors and The Fort Wayne Rescue Missions, and Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County. Lord, in your mercy.

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. We especially lift up these members of our Epiphany Lutheran Church family who are struggling with health issues...*Don, MaryJane, Sara, Vera, Jim, Barb, Dave, Sandi* and for those whom we now lift up from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy. **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts and known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

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

C: And also with you.

You are invited to greet one another with the Symbol of Peace."

Please stay in your pews.

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Received them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 good to give him 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.*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray,

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. We pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING

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

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN 415 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r.
Crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! The hosts of evil round us, scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.*

*Cure your children's warring madness, bend our pride to your control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation, to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of your salvation, be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore.
Serving you whom we adore.*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

Pastor

Assistant

Lector & Communion Assistant 8:00

Lector 10:15

Communion Assistant 10:15

Pianist

Richard Hartman

Amber Logan

Sue Johnson

Shane Pickett

Becky Roemer

Sara Davis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October Outreach We are partnering with Come2Go Ministries by collecting full size toiletries for people in Assisted Living facilities that are on Medicaid. They do not have enough money to purchase these items: hand and body soap, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, lotions, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, powder and chap stick. Place items in boxes in breezeway or bin in narthex. (Dollar Tree great place to pick up full size items)

Quilters - We will be Quilting twice a month. The first Wednesday and First Saturday of every month from 10-12. There are 2 rolls of batting coming to use for middles, we will still use blankets and mattress pads for middles also. Thick comforters not as useable. Please direct any questions to Dia at the office. Let me know if you need to come in to pick up fabric or squares, or drop off completed projects. dia@epiphanyfw.com, 260-402-0230 call or text.

Military Support - I know some troops are coming home but others are located away from family and not under the best conditions. Lets make sure they know we are thinking of them, praying for them and send some items they can't get to show our support. The red bin is where you put the items, personal hygiene items unscented if possible, snacks, lip balm, word puzzle books, hard candies, small paperback books that fit in your pocket, playing cards, flavored drink mixes for individual bottles, lifesavers.

Quilt Paraments - the quilt Paraments are a loving gift from Dave York. Dave found a partially made quilt top his wife Connie had started and asked if it could be made into a stole for Pastor in memory of Connie. We were able to make the stole for Pastor as well as the frontal for the altar and pulpit, plus a pillow top for Dave as a remembrance, even bookmarks for the grandchildren. Thank you Dave for sharing this wonderful gift in memory of one of our loved quilters Connie.

**Special meeting
Sunday, October 17th at 11:30 am.**

**Only to Vote on new gutters and downspouts.
Need everyone there to vote.
Did not have a quorum at Congregational Meeting**

Zoom Link will be sent in email letter with details

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY 10-10 8:00 and 10:15 Worship (10:15 LIVE on Facebook & YouTube)
12:00 - 3:30pm Zo Baptist Sunday School and Worship

MONDAY 8:00 - 4:00 pm NE Homeschool Coop
7:00 pm Grief Support Group
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

THURSDAY 8:00 am-4:00 pm NHC

SATURDAY 8:30 am load truck with kits/quilts and take to St. John's
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Zo Baptist Prayer Meeting/undercroft
6:00 - 8:00pm Zo Baptist Worship

SUNDAY 10-17 8:00 and 10:15 Worship (10:15 LIVE on Facebook & YouTube)
12:00 - 3:30pm Zo Baptist Sunday School and Worship

MONDAY **NO Grief Support Meeting** - Pastor teaching at
Police Academy in Kentucky Monday-Thursday.

FYI - Dia on vacation visiting grandchildren in Arkansas. I will have access to email and phone with any concerns. I will be gone 10-10 through 10-20.



Jordan Robinson - October 15th!

Mitchell and Maddison Spranger

October 14th - 4 years!