

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, February 9, 2025

Praise Worship

Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM

## Gather

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**GATHERING SONG:** *HALLELUJAH FEELING*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*(silence for reflection)*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for acting with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.**

**Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**C: Amen.**

### SHARING THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

**SONG OF PRAISE:** *GOODBYE YESTERDAY*

### 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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

## Word

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### WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 6:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: I CORINTHIANS 15:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

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

**GOSPEL READING: LUKE 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

### APOSTLES' CREED

A: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

### SONG OF THE DAY: *HERE'S MY HEART*

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(after each petition...)*

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

## Meal

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### OFFERING: *JESUS CHANGED MY LIFE*

### OFFERING PRAYER

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, our duty and our joy...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.**

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*If you are unable to attend worship due to health concerns, please contact the church office to be included on the homebound list.*

*Christ welcomes you to the meal of grace! All who desire to receive Christ's nourishment and grace may join us at the Lord's Table. (9:00) Please come to the table by the diagonal aisle and return to your seat by the center or a front aisle. Communion is by intinction; dip the wafer in the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available at the front of the center aisle. (10:30) Please come to the table by the center aisle and return to your seat by the front or side aisle. Communion is by intinction; dip the bread in the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

**COMMUNION SONG:** *GRAVES INTO GARDENS*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

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## **COMMISSIONING OF HOME COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS**

### **BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG:** *THIS IS AMAZING GRACE*

### **SENDING**

**L:** Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Serving in Worship

### Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Heidi Johns  
Assisting Minister: Linda Beckman  
Praise Team: Ned Greene, Carlin Heimann, Dick Lane, Mary Miller,  
Sienna Pearson, Thom Reitz, Scott Watamaniuk  
Sound: Ed Wasser  
Ushers: Kevin Carlson, John Dietrich  
Communion: Lou & Sandy Czewski, Lisa Dietrich, Mary Downs

### Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer  
Assisting Minister: Jane Lane  
Praise Team: Ned Greene, Carlin Heimann, Dick Lane, Mary Miller,  
Sienna Pearson, Thom Reitz, Scott Watamaniuk  
A/V: Ed Wasser, Gianna Pinto  
Stream Team: Anthony Brown, Scott Haligowski  
Ushers: Bob & Kris Mangan  
Communion: Bob & Everett Bresemann, Catherine & Malaya Leep

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