

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

I<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025, 10:30 AM

Far Hills Campus (Livestreamed)

Gather

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*(silence for reflection)*

P: Compassionate One,

**C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,**

**but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide

to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

**C: Amen.**

### SHARING THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

### OPENING SONG: GOD SO LOVED

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, come find his mercy  
Come to the table, he will satisfy  
Taste of his goodness, find what you're looking for

**Chorus I:** For God so loved the world that he gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in him will live forever

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms (**Chorus I**)

**Chorus2:** The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved, God so loved the world

**Bridge:** Praise God, praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise him, praise him  
For the wonders of his love *(Repeat)*

For God so loved the world that he gave us  
His one and only Son to save **(Chorus1, Chorus2)**

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

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## **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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### **FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

**A:** The word of the Lord.

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

**RESPONSIVE READING: FROM PSALM 91**

- A: You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—  
C: **you will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust.”**  
A: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,  
C: **no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**  
A: For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.  
C: **Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**  
A: I will deliver those who cling to me;  
C: **I will uphold them, because they know my name.**  
A: They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.  
C: **With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 10:8-13**

<sup>8b</sup> “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);  
<sup>9</sup> because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup> The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

- A: The word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 8**

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

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

**GOSPEL READING:** LUKE 4:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" <sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' <sup>11</sup> and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" <sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** LORD, I NEED YOU / I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

Lord, I come, I confess  
Bowing here, I find my rest  
Without you I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need you, oh I need you  
Ev'ry hour I need you  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God how I need you

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord  
No tender voice like thine can peace afford  
I need thee, oh I need thee, every hour I need thee  
Oh bless me now my Savior, I come to thee

I need thee every hour in joy or pain  
Come quickly and abide or life is vain  
I need thee, oh I need thee, every hour I need thee  
Oh bless me now my Savior, I come to thee

So teach my song to rise to you  
When temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you  
Jesus you're my hope and stay

Lord I need you, oh I need you  
Ev'ry hour I need you  
My one defense, my righteousness  
Oh God how I need you

I need thee, oh I need thee, every hour I need thee  
Oh bless me now my Savior, I come to thee

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Hymn text: Annie Sherwood Hawks, 1835-1918, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, refrain

## **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.**

## **INSTALLATION SERVICE**

### **Presentation**

### **Address and Questions**

Pr. Bob: People of God, will you receive Corey as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?

Will you regard him as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Pr. Bob: Will you pray for him, help and honor him for his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

### **Blessing**

### **Procession to the Places of the Word and Sacraments**

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

**A:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

### **Meal**

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**OFFERING:** *I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME* (arr. Raymond Haan)

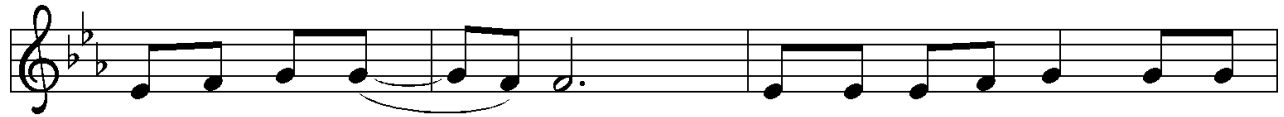
*Epiphany Chorale*

**OFFERTORY: CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART**

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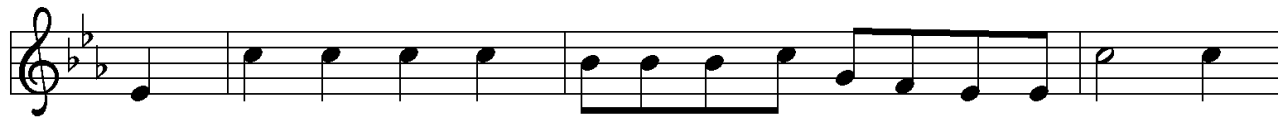
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me



with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,



and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Presider: Cong:

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of music. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 3/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.' are positioned below the staff.

Presider: Cong:

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of music. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 3/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' are positioned below the staff.

Presider:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Detailed description: This block contains the third line of music. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 3/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' are positioned below the staff.

Cong:

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth line of music. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 3/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics 'It is right to give God thanks and praise.' are positioned below the staff.

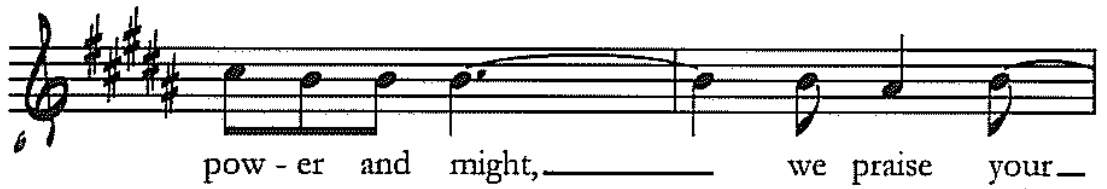
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P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...join their unending hymn:

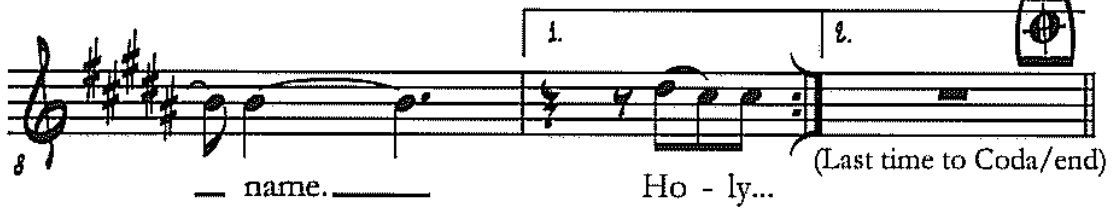
**SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
— Lord, — God — of

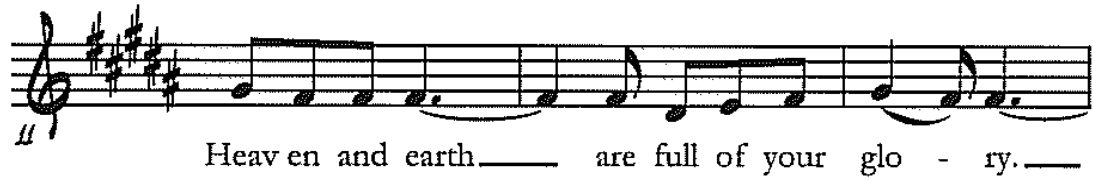
Detailed description: This block contains the beginning of the Sanctus. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 3/8 time signature. The melody is written on two staves. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, — Lord, — God — of' are positioned below the staves.



6 pow - er and might, we praise your



8 name. Ho - ly... (Last time to Coda/end)



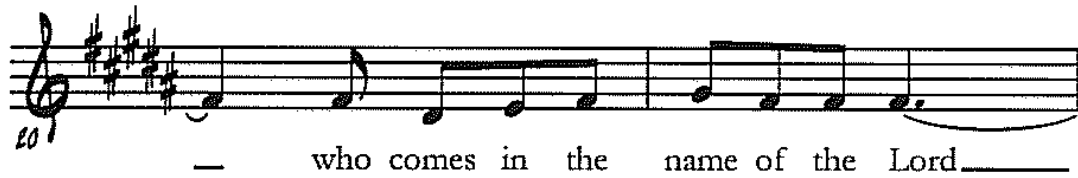
11 Heav en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



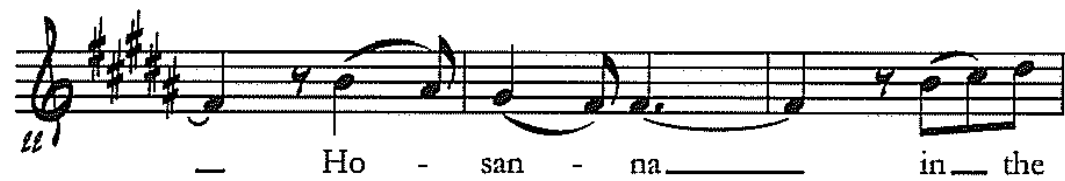
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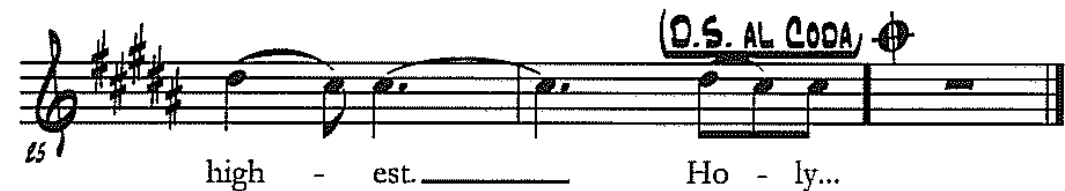
17 high - est. Bles sed is he



20 who comes in the name of the Lord



22 Ho - san - na in the



25 high - est. Ho - ly... (D.S. AL CODA)

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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. 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.*

## COMMUNION SONG: DESERT SONG

This is my prayer in the desert  
When all that's within me feels dry  
This is my prayer in my hunger and need  
My God is the God who provides

This is my prayer in the fire  
In weakness or trial or pain  
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold  
So refine me Lord through the flame

**Chorus:** I will bring praise, I will bring praise  
No weapon formed against me shall remain  
I will rejoice, I will declare  
God is my victory and he is here

This is my prayer in the battle  
When triumph is still on its way  
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ  
So firm on his promise I'll stand **(Chorus)**

**Bridge:** All of my life in every season  
You are still God  
I have a reason to sing  
I have a reason to worship **(Chorus 2X)**

This is my prayer in the harvest  
When favor and providence flow  
I know I'm filled to be emptied again  
The seed I've received I will sow

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**COMMUNION HYMN: WHEN WE ARE TESTED**



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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Music: SLANE, Irish traditional  
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**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

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**BENEDICTION**

CLOSING HYMN: SHOUT TO THE LORD (2X)

#821



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.



My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

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## SENDING

L: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Serving in Worship

Preaching/Presiding over Installation:

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Rev. Julie Reuning-Scherer, Rev. Corey Wagonfield

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Sandy Houpt

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John Benjamin

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Melonie June Warren

Stream Team:

Anthony Brown, Drew Simon

Ushers:

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