

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, May 25, 2025

Praise Worship

Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM\* (\*Livestreamed)

## Gather

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### **GATHERING SONG:** *THRIVE*

Here in this worn and weary land  
Where many a dream has died  
Like a tree planted by the water  
We never will run dry

**Pre-Chorus:** So living water flowing through  
God we thirst for more of you  
Fill our hearts and flood our souls  
With one desire

**Chorus:** Just to know you and to make you known  
We lift your name on high  
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide  
We know we were made for so much more than  
Ordinary lives  
It's time for us to more than just survive  
We were made to thrive

Into your Word we're digging deep  
To know our Father's heart  
Into the world we're reaching out  
To show them who you are (*Pre-Chorus, Chorus*)

**Bridge:** Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable  
Love unstoppable, anything is possible (*Sing 4X*) (*Chorus*)

We were made to thrive

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's  
mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your  
image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert,  
you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water  
from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good  
Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from  
Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the  
water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font,  
and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE: *I SPEAK JESUS*

**Verse 1:** I just want to speak the name of Jesus  
Over every heart and every mind  
'Cause I know there is peace within your presence  
I speak Jesus

**Verse 2:** I just want to speak the name of Jesus  
'Til every dark addiction starts to break  
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom  
I speak Jesus

**Chorus:** 'Cause your name is power  
Your name is healing  
Your name is life  
Break every stronghold  
Shine through the shadows  
Burn like a fire

**Verse3:** I just want to speak the name of Jesus  
Over fear and all anxiety  
To every soul held captive by depression  
I speak Jesus (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** Shout Jesus from the mountains  
Jesus in the street  
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy  
Jesus for my family  
I speak the holy name Jesus (*Sing 3X*) (*Chorus 2X*) (*Verse 1*)

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## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P:** Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come.

**C:** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Word

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## **WELCOMING THE CHILDREN**

### **FIRST READING: ACTS 16:9-15**

*<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.*

<sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:10,22 – 22:5**

<sup>10</sup> And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22:1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

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

**GOSPEL READING: JOHN 14:23-29**

<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**(9:00) 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.**

**(10:30) NICENE CREED**

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

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## SONG OF THE DAY: *BLESSED ASSURANCE*

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of his Spirit washed in his blood

**Chorus:** This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting looking above  
Filled with his goodness lost in his love (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** This is my story, I'll testify that God is good all the time  
He saw me and heard me cry, now I am his  
This is my story, I'll testify that God is good all the time  
He saw me and heard me cry, now I am his  
And he is mine, he is mine (*Chorus*)

Praising my Savior all the day long

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Meal

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## OFFERING: *ACT JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBLY*

It all comes down to this  
What you require of me  
Love my neighbor as myself  
And you above all things

**Chorus:** Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with you God  
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly with you God

It all comes down to this  
To be your hands and feet  
Good news to all the world  
The truth will set us free (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** It's beauty for ashes, it's mourning to dancing  
It's closer and closer, the Kingdom of heaven (*Repeat*)

Years from now we'll see  
The fruit our hands have sown  
Faith just like a seed  
The only way it grows (*Chorus*)

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## 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: TO THE TABLE**

Hear the voice of love that's calling  
There's a chair that waits for you  
And a friend who understands  
Everything you're going through  
  
But you keep standing at a distance  
In the shadows of your shame  
But there's a light of hope that's shining  
Won't you come and take your place

**Chorus1:** So bring it all to the table  
It's nothing he ain't seen before  
For all your sin all your sorrow and your sadness  
There's a Savior and he calls  
Bring it all to the table

He can see the weight you carry  
And the fears that hold your heart  
But through the cross you've been forgiven  
You're accepted as you are

**Chorus2:** So bring it all to the table  
It's nothing he ain't seen before  
For all your trials all your worries and your burdens  
There's a Savior and he calls  
Bring it all to the table

And bring it all  
You can bring it all

**Bridge:** Come on in take your place  
There's no one who's turned away  
All you sinners all you saints  
Come right in and find your grace *(Repeat) (Chorus1)*

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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## BENEDICTION

## **CLOSING SONG: COUNTING EVERY BLESSING**

I was blind now I'm seeing in color  
I was dead now I'm living forever  
I had failed but you were my Redeemer  
I've been blessed beyond all measure

I was lost now I'm found by the Father  
I've been changed from a ruin to treasure  
I've been given a hope and a future  
I've been blessed beyond all measure

**Chorus:** I am counting every blessing, counting every blessing  
Letting go and trusting when I cannot see  
I am counting every blessing, counting every blessing  
Surely every season you are good to me

Oh you are good to me (2X)

You were there in the valley of shadows  
You were there in the depth of my sorrows  
You're my strength my hope for tomorrow  
I've been blessed beyond all measure (*Chorus*)

Oh you are good to me (2X)

**Bridge:** Surely your goodness pursues me  
Surely your heart is still for me  
I will remember your mercies all my days  
Through every storm and gale (*Chorus 2X*)

Oh you are good to me (4X)

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## **SENDING**

**L:** Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Serving in Worship

### Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield  
Assisting Minister: Linda Beckman  
Praise Team: Rich Embry, Carlin Heimann, Craig Hoerig,  
Dick Lane, Mary Miller, Thom Reitz  
Sound: Ed Wasser  
Ushers: Michael Senger, Troy Stoller  
Communion: Michelle Carlson, Mary Downs, Laurie Evans,  
Angi Moots, Michele Uhl

### Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer  
Assisting Minister: Natalie Heimann  
Praise Team: Rich Embry, Carlin Heimann, Craig Hoerig,  
Dick Lane, Mary Miller, Thom Reitz  
A/V: Ed Wasser, Owen Smith  
Stream Team: Anthony Brown, Landon Henderson  
Usher: Emily Schluter  
Communion: The Manning Family