

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
2nd Sunday after Pentecost, June 22, 2025

Praise Worship

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

G a t h e r

GATHERING SONG: *THE FATHER'S HOUSE*

Praise Choir

Sometimes on this journey I get lost in my mistakes
What looks to me like weakness is a canvas for your strength
And my story isn't over, my story's just begun
And failure won't define me 'cause that's what my Father does
Yeah failure won't define me 'cause that's what my Father does

Chorus: Lay your burdens down here in the Father's house
Check your shame at the door 'cause it ain't welcome anymore
You're in the Father's house

Arrival's not the endgame, the journey's where you are
You never wanted perfect, you just wanted my heart
And the story isn't over if the story isn't good
And failure's never final when the Father's in the room
And failure's never final when the Father's in the room (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Prodigals come home, the helpless find hope
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room
Prison doors fling wide, the dead come to life
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room

Miracles take place, the cynical find faith
And love is breaking through when the Father's in the room
Jericho walls are quaking, strongholds now are shaking
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room
(*Chorus 2X*)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT: EPIPHANY PLAYERS

WHO I'D BE from *SHREK THE MUSICAL*

Sadie Hornick

Sophia Harvey (Princess Fiona),

TJ Montgomery (Shrek), Sully Crinion (Donkey), Liam Utt (piano)

BLESSING FOR CAMPERS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

(silence for reflection)

P: Merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive 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: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

(10:30) **SONG OF PRAISE: RAISE A HALLELUJAH**

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, Heaven comes to fight for me

Chorus: I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear, you lost your hold on me (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Sing a little louder (4X)

Sing a little louder, in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder, my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder, Heaven comes to fight for me
Sing a little louder (*Chorus*)

I raise a hallelujah (4X)

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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

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: GALATIANS 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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 8:26-39

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for 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: *THERE'S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN'T DO*

Just one word
You calm the storm that surrounds me
Just one word
The darkness has to retreat
Just one touch
I feel the presence of heaven
Just one touch
My eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe

Chorus: There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

Just one word
You heal what's broken inside me
Just one word
And you revive ev'ry dream
Just one touch
I feel the power of heaven
Just one touch
My eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe (*Chorus*)

Chorus2: There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a prison wall He can't break through
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

I will believe for greater things
There's no power like the power of Jesus
Let faith arise let all agree
There's no power like the power of Jesus

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Meal

OFFERING: *JESUS CHANGED MY LIFE*

Spent my time runnin' to all the wrong places
I thought that I would be the last one that You'd ever wanna see
I was so far gone, the kind to give up on
But You are not the kind of God to ever give up on me

Chorus: Grace came callin' my name
Lifted my soul up out of that grave
Was hell-bound, lost and then found
Look what You've done, You've turned it all around
And I can testify I'm not the same
Like lightnin' from the sky, Jesus changed my life

You wouldn't let go, You wouldn't leave me
Followed me through darkness and chased me down with mercy
You wouldn't look back, You see beyond my past
There is nothin' I have ever done to make You love me less (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Thank You for lovin' me
Thank You for settin' me free
Thank You for takin' these chains off of me
Thank You that I'm not who I used to be
Thank You for lovin' me
Thank You for settin' me free
Thank You for takin' these chains off of me
Thank You that I'm not who I used to be (*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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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.**

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: NO LONGER SLAVES

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus: I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God (Repeat)

From my mother's womb you have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into your family
Your blood flows through my veins (Chorus)

Bridge: You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God, I am a child of God
I am a child of God (Chorus)

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: HALLELUJAH ANYWAY

I'll find a way to praise You
From the bottom of my broken heart
'Cause I think I'd rather strike a match
Than curse the dark
Yeah I'll find a way to thank You
Though the bitterness is real and hard
'Cause I'd rather take a chance on hope
Than fall apart
I don't think I'm ready to surrender to the dark

Chorus: Even if my daylight never dawns
Even if my breakthrough never comes
Even if I'll fight to bring You praise
Even if my dreams fall to the ground
Even if I'm lost I know I'm found
Even if my heart will somehow say
Hallelujah anyway

I hear a hymn of triumph
In the wilderness of my lament
In the lowlands or the mountain tops I won't forget
All that goodness that You have shown me
The promises that You have kept
There's better days on the horizon up ahead

Bridge: Let it rise let it rise
In the dark or the light
Oh my soul stand and fight
If you've got a song to sing let it rise

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SENDING

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Karl Biermann, ELCA Foundation
Assisting Minister: Andy Addy
Praise Team: Doug Day, Rich Embry, Ned Greene, Al Grodrian,
Mary Miller, Thom Reitz, Allison Wade,
Scott Watamaniuk
Sound: Ted Meyer
Ushers: Beth Fischer, Angi Moots
Communion: Erich Biermann, Lou & Sandy Czewski, Michele Uhl,
Michelle Wade

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield
Assisting Minister: Chris Young
Praise Team: Doug Day, Rich Embry, Ned Greene, Al Grodrian,
Mary Miller, Thom Reitz, Allison Wade,
Scott Watamaniuk
Sound: Ted Meyer
Stream Team: Landon Henderson, Ryan Pearson
Usher: Kim Brown
Communion: Dean & Sara Donaghue, Diana & Reid Pearson
Acolyte: Reid Pearson