

**EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, June 29, 2025**  
Praise Worship  
Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM

**Gather**

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**GATHERING SONG:** *OLD CHURCH CHOIR*

There's revival and it's spreading  
Like a wildfire in my heart  
A Sunday morning hallelujah  
And it's lasting all week long  
Can you hear it  
Can you feel it  
It's the rhythm of a gospel song  
Oh once you choose it you can't lose it

**Chorus:** I've got an old church choir singing in my soul  
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful  
I've got a heart overflowing  
'Cause I've been restored  
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy  
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

When the valleys that I wander  
Turn to mountains that I can't climb  
Oh You are with me You never leave me

**Bridge:** Clap your hands and stomp your feet  
'Til you find that gospel beat  
'Cause He's all you'll ever need  
All you'll ever need  
Clap your hands and stomp your feet  
'Til you find that gospel beat  
'Cause He's all you'll ever need  
All you'll ever need

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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: We have been forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Savior.  
Therefore, let us be reconciled to each other and share the peace of the Lord.  
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### SONG OF PRAISE: *THE LORD'S PRAYER (IT'S YOURS)*

Father let your kingdom come (holy holy)  
Father let your will be done  
On Earth as in Heaven (let it be done)  
Right here in my heart

**Chorus:** Give us this day our daily bread  
Forgive us forgive us  
As we forgive the ones who sinned  
Against us forgive them  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from the evil one  
Let your kingdom come

**Bridge:** It's yours it's yours  
All yours all yours  
The kingdom the power  
The glory are yours  
It's yours it's yours  
All yours all yours  
Forever and ever  
The kingdom is yours

Words and Music by Bryan Fowler, Jacob Sooter, and Matt Maher

## **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: 1 KINGS 19:15-16, 19-21**

*<sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”*

*<sup>19</sup> So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup> He left the oxen, ran after Elijah,*

*and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup> He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.*

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 16**

A: Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

**C: I have said to the Lord,**

**"You are my Lord, my good above all other."**

A: All my delight is in the godly that are in the land.

**C: Those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.**

A: I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,

**C: I will never take their names upon my lips.**

A: O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;

**C: it is you who uphold my lot.**

A: My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

**C: indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

A: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

**C: my heart teaches me night after night.**

A: I have set the Lord always before me;

**C: because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

A: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;

**C: my body also shall rest in hope.**

A: For you will not abandon me to the grave.

**C: You will show me the path of life;**

A: in your presence there is fullness of joy,

**C: in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

## **SECOND READING: GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25**

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**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 9:51-62**

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

*<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."*

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

P: The congregation may be seated.

## **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: MY JESUS**

Are you past the point of weary, is your burden weighing heavy  
Is it all too much to carry, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
Do you feel that empty feeling 'cause shame's done all its stealing  
And you're desperate for some healing, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

**Chorus:** He makes a way where there ain't no way  
Rises up from an empty grave  
Ain't no sinner that he can't save  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and his grace is free  
And the good news is I know that he  
Can do for you what he's done for me  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And let my Jesus change your life  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, amen, amen

Who can wipe away the tears from broken dreams and wasted years  
And tell the past to disappear, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And all the wrong turns that you would go and undo if you could  
Who can work it all for your good, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus (**Chorus**)

Who would take my cross to Calvary, pay the price for all my guilty  
Who would care that much about me, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus (**Chorus**)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah  
Let my Jesus change your life

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

**A:** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C:** hear our prayer.

Meal

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## **OFFERING:** AMAZING GRACE (*MY CHAINS ARE GONE*)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

**Chorus:** My chains are gone, I've been set free  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood his mercy reigns  
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures (*Chorus 2X*)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine, you are forever mine

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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: GOOD GOOD FATHER

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone

**Chorus:** You're a good good Father

It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are

And I'm loved by you

It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide  
Because you know just what we need before we say a word (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** You are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways  
You are perfect in all of your ways to us (*Repeat Bridge*)

Oh this love so undeniable I, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I, I can hardly think  
As you call me deeper still, as you call me deeper still  
As you call me deeper still into love, love, love (*Chorus 2X*)

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

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### **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING SONG: *EVERLASTING GOD***

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord (*Repeat*)

**Pre-Chorus:** Our God you reign forever  
Our hope our Strong Deliverer

**Chorus:** You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint, you won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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### **SENDING**

**L:** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer  
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