

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
4th Sunday after Pentecost, July 6, 2025

Praise Worship

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

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *MADE FOR HEAVEN*

Do you feel like something is wrong here
Like you don't belong here
It's not just you
Do you look at a night sky full of stars
Feel an aching in your heart
I feel it too

Chorus: We might be here for now
But don't forget where we're going
Gonna trade this world for a better place
Gonna wave goodbye to the hurt and the pain
We'll dance on streets of gold
When we get where we're going
Gonna see what our hearts have known forever
We were not made for here
We were made for heaven

Do you long to see your Father's face
He'll wipe your tears away
And hold you close
Do you know that this won't be the end
'Cause there's so much more than this
We're almost home

Bridge: And the ones we've lost along the way
Will run to meet us at the gate
Oh my heart can hardly wait for heaven
Where death has finally lost its sting
Believers stand in victory
And bow before the King of kings in heaven

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT: *SUMMER FUN DAYS*

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.

SONG OF PRAISE: GIVE ME JESUS

In the morning when I rise (3X)
Give me Jesus

Chorus: Give me Jesus
Give me Jesus
You can have all this world
Just give me Jesus

When I am alone (3X)
Give me Jesus

When I come to die (3X)
Give me Jesus

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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: ISAIAH 66:10-14

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—

¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: GALATIANS 6:1-16

¹ My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads. ⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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 10:1-11, 16-20

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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: *I WILL RISE*

There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say it is well

Pre-Chorus: Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

Chorus: I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise, I will rise

There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes

Bridge: And I hear the voice of many angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb

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

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

Meal

OFFERING: *SPRINGTIME*

You're the resurrection
That we've waited for
You buried the night
And came with the morning
You're the King of Heaven
The praise is yours
The longer the quiet
The louder the chorus

Chorus: We will sing a new song
'Cause death is dead and gone with the winter
We will sing a new song
Let hallelujahs flow like a river
We're coming back to life
Reaching towards the light
Your love is like springtime

You're the living water
God we thirst for you
The dry and the barren
Will flower and bloom

You're the sun that's shining
You restore my soul
The deeper you call us
Oh the deeper we'll go

Bridge: Come tend the soil
Come tend the soil of my soul
And like a garden
And like a garden I will grow
I will grow

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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.**

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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: O COME TO THE ALTAR

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus: O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought
With the precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling (*Chorus 2X*)

Bridge: Oh what a Savior, isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before him for he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
(*Bridge*) (*Chorus 2X*)

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *GOODBYE YESTERDAY*

Goodbye yesterday
I'm living in the light of a new day
I won't waste another minute in my old ways
Praise the Lord I've been born again

Chorus: Again and again and again and again
You rescued me out of the mess I was in
You traded my sorrow for something to sing
Now I'm dancing on the grave that I once lived in

Goodbye yesterday
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
I've got resurrection in my veins
Praise the Lord I've been born

Bridge: I have decided to follow Jesus
The world behind, the cross before
And I won't turn back

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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 Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister: Becky Zink
Praise Team: Michele Borns, Gabe Ferraiuolo, Al Grodrian,
Carlin Heimann, Dick Lane, Mary Miller, Bill Norman,
Scott Watamaniuk
Sound: Spencer Watamaniuk
Ushers: Ryan Helbach, Michael Senger
Communion: Mary Downs, Cindy Drabenstott, Lori Embry,
Cooper Henderson, Karenna Senger

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield
Assisting Minister: Jane Lane
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Carlin Heimann, Dick Lane, Mary Miller, Bill Norman,
Scott Watamaniuk
A/V: Spencer Watamaniuk, Sienna Pearson
Stream Team: Anthony Brown, Landon Henderson
Usher: Todd Schluter
Communion: The Manning Family
Acolytes: Levi & Wyatt Borns

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