

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
8th Sunday after Pentecost, August 3, 2025

Praise Worship

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

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *YOUR LOVE AWAKENS ME*

There were walls between us
By the cross you came and broke them down, you broke them down
And there were chains around us
By your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound

Pre-Chorus: You called me out of the grave
You called me into the light
You called my name and then my heart came alive

Chorus: Your love is greater, your love is stronger
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me (*Repeat*)

Feel the darkness shaking
All the dead are coming back to life, I'm back to life
Hear the song awaken
All creation singing, "We're alive, 'cause you're alive"
(*Pre-Chorus*) (*Chorus*)

Bridge: And what a love we've found, death can't hold us down
We shout it out, "We're alive, 'cause you're alive" (*Sing 3X*)
(*Chorus 2X*)

Your love awakens me
Your love is greater, your love is stronger
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT: *YOUNG ADULTS*

Mary Miller (FH), Owen Smith (A)

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: *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 (*Chorus*)

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 (*Chorus*)

We were made for heaven, we were made for heaven

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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: ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

² *Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.*

¹² *I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.*

^{2:18} *I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.*

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

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 12:13-31

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

²² He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

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: REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is he
Sing a new song to him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat (*Repeat*)

Chorus: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore you

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and glory
And power be to you the only wise King (*Chorus*)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of your name
Jesus your name is power, breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery (*Chorus 2X*)

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

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

Meal

OFFERING: A THOUSAND TIMES

Do you remember all those lonely nights
When he took the wrongs that you couldn't make right
And every tear that you cried, every broken prayer you prayed
He turned it for good, he lets nothing go to waste

Chorus: You can count on that, you know what he's like
You've seen him do it a thousand times
Yeah even in the dead of night
There's never been a morning when the sun don't rise
He'll never let go, you know that it's true
He's still that good and he's still got you
You can count on that, you know what he's like
You've seen him do it a thousand times

Do you remember when you felt ashamed
When you couldn't get free from the mistakes that you made
And he met you with his kindness, compelled you with grace
So if you wanna come home, he'll show you the way (*Chorus*)

Again and again, you've seen him do it a thousand times
Again and again, you'll see him do it a thousand times

Bridge: He made his mercies new 'cause he knew we'd forget
All the things he's done and just how good he is
He's a faithful God, every word is true
And he always does just what he says he'll do (*Chorus*)

Again and again, you've seen him do it a thousand times
Again and again, you'll see him do it a thousand times

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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: *GREAT ARE YOU LORD*

You give life, you are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, you restore every heart that is broken
And great are you, Lord

Chorus: It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise
It's your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to you only (*Verse, Chorus 2X*)

Bridge: All the earth will shout your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are you, Lord (*Repeat Bridge*) (*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 Corey Wagonfield
Assisting Minister: Linda Beckman
Praise Team: Ned Greene, Dick Lane, Mary Miller, Bill Norman,
Thom Reitz, Anastasia Rodgers, Cat Sorensen,
Cassie Wade, Scott Watamaniuk
Sound: Ted Meyer
Ushers: George Downs, Chris Ziehler
Communion: Erich Biermann, Lou & Sandy Czewski, Mary Downs,
Brooke Strobel

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister: Mike Wipperman
Praise Team: Ned Greene, Dick Lane, Mary Miller, Bill Norman,
Thom Reitz, Anastasia Rodgers, Cat Sorensen,
Cassie Wade, Scott Watamaniuk
A/V: Ted Meyer, Owen Smith
Stream Team: Anthony Brown, Ryan Pearson
Usher: Kim Brown
Communion: The Manning Family