

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
9th Sunday after Pentecost, August 10, 2025
Praise Worship
Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *HOLY WATER*

God I'm on my knees again
God I'm begging please again
I need you oh I need you
Walking down these desert roads
Water for my thirsty soul
I need you oh I need you

Chorus: Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears
Like holy water on my skin

Dead man walking, slave to sin
I wanna know about being born again
I need you oh God I need you
So take me to the riverside
Take me under, baptize
I need you oh God I need you (*Chorus*)

Bridge: I don't wanna abuse your grace
God I need it every day
It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change
(*Sing Bridge 3X*) (*Chorus 2X*)

It's like holy water on my skin
It's like holy water

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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: *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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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

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:1-3,8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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: EVEN SO COME

All of creation, all of the earth
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint
Let every nation shout of your fame
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus: Like a bride waiting for the groom
We'll be a Church ready for you
Every heart longing for our King
We sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

There will be justice, all will be new
Your name forever, faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon (*Chorus*)

Bridge: So we wait, we wait for you
God we wait, you're coming soon (*Repeat*) (*Chorus 2X*)

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

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

Meal

OFFERING: SAME POWER

I can see the waters raging at my feet
I can feel the breath of those surrounding me
I can hear the sound of nations rising up
We will not be overtaken, we will not be overcome

I can walk down this dark and painful road
I can face every fear of the unknown
I can hear all God's children singing out
We will not be overtaken, we will not be overcome

Chorus: The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that commands the dead to wake
Lives in us, lives in us
The same power that moves mountains when he speaks
The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us
He lives in us, lives in us

We have hope that his promises are true
In his strength there is nothing we can't do
Yes we know there are greater things in store
We will not be overtaken, we will not be overcome (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Greater is he that is living in me
He's conquered our enemy
No power of darkness, no weapon prevails
We stand here in victory (*Repeat*)

In victory (*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: CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from north to south and east to west
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Were the whole earth echoing his eminence
His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Chorus: Oh Christ be magnified
Let his praise arise,
Christ be magnified in me
Oh Christ be magnified
From the altar of my life,
Christ be magnified in me

When every creature finds its inmost melody
And every human heart its native cry
Oh then in one enraptured hymn of praise
We'll sing Christ be magnified (*Chorus*)

Bridge: I won't bow to idols
I'll stand strong and worship you
And if it puts me in the fire
I'll rejoice 'cause you're there too

I won't be formed by feelings
I hold fast to what is true
If the cross brings transformation
Then I'll be crucified with you

'Cause death is just the doorway
Into resurrection life
And if I join you in your suffering
Then I'll join you when you rise

And when you return in glory
With all the angels and the saints
My heart will still be singing
My song will be the same (*Chorus 2X*)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *GLORIOUS DAY*

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb 'til met you

I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb 'til I met you

Chorus: You called my name and I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into your glorious day (*Repeat*)

Now your mercy has saved my soul
Now your freedom is all that I know
The old made new Jesus when I met you (*Chorus*)

Bridge: I needed rescue, my sin was heavy
But chains break at the weight of your glory

I needed shelter, I was an orphan
Now you call me a citizen of Heaven

When I was broken you were my healing
Now your love is the air that I'm breathing

I have a future, my eyes are open
'Cause when... (*Chorus*)

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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: Becky Zink
Praise Team: Gabe Ferraiuolo, Jake Groom, Carlin Heimann,
Emily Hendrickson, Craig Hoerig, Mary Miller,
Bill Norman, Sienna Pearson
Sound: Spencer Watamaniuk
Ushers: George Downs, Chris Ziehler
Communion: Joyce Addy, Michelle Carlson, Debbie & Jon Hauberg,
Leah Hendrickson

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tracy Paschke-Johannes
University Pastor, Wittenberg University
Assisting Minister: Natalie Heimann
Praise Team: Gabe Ferraiuolo, Jake Groom, Carlin Heimann,
Emily Hendrickson, Craig Hoerig, Mary Miller,
Bill Norman, Sienna Pearson
A/V: Spencer Watamaniuk, Billy Heaning
Ushers: Bob & Kris Mangan
Communion: Bob & Everett Bresemann, Annie & Stephanie Wierwille