

**EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, August 17, 2025**  
Praise Worship  
Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Gather

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**GATHERING SONG:** *COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP*

**Chorus:** Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

One day every tongue will confess you are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now  
(Chorus)

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart soul mind and strength we gladly choose you now  
(Chorus)

Come, come, come  
Just as you are, come, come

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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: *FIRM FOUNDATION (HE WON'T)*

**Chorus:** Christ is my firm foundation  
The rock on which I stand  
When everything around me is shaken  
I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus  
'Cause he's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations  
So why would he fail now  
He won't, he won't  
[He won't fail, he won't fail]

I've still got joy in chaos  
I've got peace that makes no sense  
So I won't be going under  
I'm not held by my own strength

'Cause I've built my life on Jesus  
He's never let me down  
He's faithful in every season  
So why would he fail now  
He won't, he won't  
He won't fail, he won't fail (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** Rain came and wind blew  
My house was built on you  
I'm safe with you  
I'm gonna make it through (*Repeat*) (*Chorus*)

He won't, he won't  
He won't fail, he won't fail  
He won't

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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

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## **WELCOMING THE CHILDREN**

## **FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23:23-29**

<sup>23</sup> Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup> Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” <sup>26</sup> How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup> They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:29-12:2**

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

*<sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne 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 12:49-56**

*[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup> “I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;*

*<sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father,  
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”*

*<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”*

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: *WHOM SHALL I FEAR*

You hear me when I call, you are my morning song  
Though darkness fills the night it cannot hide the light  
Whom shall I fear

You crush the enemy underneath my feet  
You are my sword and shield though troubles linger still  
Whom shall I fear

**Chorus:** I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The one who reigns forever, he is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in your name for you alone can save  
You will deliver me, yours is the victory  
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** And nothing formed against me shall stand  
You hold the whole world in your hands  
I'm holding on to your promises  
You are faithful, you are faithful (*Repeat*)  
You are faithful (*Chorus 2X*)

The God of angel armies is always by my side

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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:** *MIGHTY TO SAVE*

Everyone needs compassion  
A love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Savior  
The Hope of nations

**Chorus:** Savior he can move the mountains  
For my God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me  
All my fears and failures  
And fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King [Jesus] *(Repeat)*  
*(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: HERE'S MY HEART

**Chorus:** Here's my heart Lord (3X)  
Speak what is true

**1:** 'Cause I am found, I am yours, I am loved, I'm made pure  
I have life, I can breathe, I am healed, I am free (*Chorus, Verse 1*)

**2:** 'Cause you are strong, you are sure, you are life, you endure  
You are good, always true, you are light breaking through (*Chorus 2X*)  
Speak what is true, speak what is true (*Verses 1,2*)

**Bridge:** You are more than enough  
You are here, you are love  
You are hope, you are grace  
You're all I have, you're everything (*Chorus 2X*)

Speak what is true, speak what is true

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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## BENEDICTION

## **CLOSING SONG: GOD SO LOVED**

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, come find his mercy  
Come to the table, he will satisfy  
Taste of his goodness, find what you're looking for

**Chorus:** For God so loved the world that he gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in him will live forever

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms, see his open arms (*Chorus*)

**Chorus2:** The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved, God so loved the world

**Bridge:** Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him, praise him for the wonders of his love (*Repeat*)

For God so loved the world that he gave us  
His one and only Son to save (*Chorus, Chorus2*)

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

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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: Steve Lubbers  
Praise Team: Bob Gray, Dick Lane, Mary Miller, Thom Reitz,  
Cat Sorenson, Erika & Scott Watamaniuk  
Sound: Roland Hogendoorn  
Ushers: George Downs, Chris Ziehler  
Communion: Cindy Drabenstott, Lori Embry, Jon Hauberg,  
Cooper Henderson, Pam Lubbers

### Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer  
Assisting Minister: Jane Lane  
Praise Team: Bob Gray, Dick Lane, Mary Miller, Thom Reitz,  
Cat Sorenson, Erika & Scott Watamaniuk  
A/V: Roland Hogendoorn, Todd Schluter  
Stream Team: Landon Henderson, Scott Haligowski  
Ushers: Jill Frost, Dale Rethlake  
Communion: Diana & Reid Pearson, Lindsay & Troy Wipperman