

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
16th Sunday after Pentecost, September 28, 2025
Praise Worship
Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *OLD CHURCH CHOIR*

There's revival and it's spreading like a wildfire in my heart
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
There ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

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 climb
Oh you are with me, you never leave me
Oh 'cause there ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'Til you find that gospel beat
'Cause it's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need (*Sing Bridge 3X*)

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful (*Chorus*)
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Merciful and loving 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: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: *THE LION AND THE LAMB*

He's coming on the clouds

Kings and kingdoms will bow down

And every chain will break

As broken hearts declare his praise

For who can stop the Lord almighty

Chorus: Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah

He's roaring with power and fighting our battles

And every knee will bow before him

Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain

For the sin of the world, his blood breaks the chains

And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb

Every knee will bow before him

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord almighty (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Who can stop the Lord almighty (*Sing 7X*)
Who can stop the Lord (*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

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: AMOS 6:1,4-7

- ^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
- ⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall,
- ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
- ⁶ who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
- ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 146

A: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

A: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

C: Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

A: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help;

C: happy are they whose hope is in the Lord their God;

A: the Lord made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

C: the Lord keeps promises forever;

A: the Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

C: The Lord sets the captive free.

A: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

C: the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

A: the Lord loves the righteous.

C: The Lord cares for the stranger;

A: the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

C: The Lord shall reign forever. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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: *LIVING WATER*

This goes out to every outcast, to the just don't quite fit in
Every wrong way runaway rebel so ashamed of where you've been
This goes out to every searcher trying to fill that empty space
Well you're searching days are over now, everything's about to change

Chorus: Come on down to the living water
Waves of mercy washing over you
No more strangers, only sons and daughters
Come down to the living water and rise up new

Have you heard about a man named Jesus
He's the Way the Truth the Life
Stretched out his arms on a rugged cross and paid every sinner's price
So when you're tired of all your running, you don't have to run no more
You can leave it all behind you, just believe and be reborn (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Oh this is your invitation
Oh no more lost and alone
Oh this is your invitation
Hear your Father saying “Welcome home”

See that cross up on the steeple, hear that sweet forgiveness song
Come and join the Jesus people, this is where your heart belongs (*Chorus*)
Come down to the living water and rise up new (*Repeat*)

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Meal

OFFERING: *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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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: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of his mercy, as deep cries out to deep, we sing

Chorus: Come Lord Jesus come (4X)
(Verse) (Chorus)

Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

Come Lord Jesus come (6X)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Send

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *TODAY IS THE DAY*

I'm casting my cares aside, I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on you Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to yours, believing there's so much more
Knowing that all you have in store for me is good, it's good

Chorus: Today is the day you have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day you have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what you say
Today is the day, today is the day

I'm putting my fears aside, I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to yours, believing there's so much more
Knowing that all you have in store for me is good, it's good (*Chorus*)

Bridge: I will stand upon your truth
And all my days I'll live for you (*Repeat*)

Chorus 2: Today is the day you have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day you have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm giving you my fears and sorrows
Where you lead me I will follow
I'm trusting in what you say
Today is the day (5X)

SENDING

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister: Steve Lubbers
Praise Team: Michele Borns, Rich Embry, Craig Hoerig,
Mary Miller, Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Thom Reitz
Sound: Ed Wasser
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Communion: Michelle Carlson, Sandy Czewski, Mary Downs,
Pam Lubbers, Nora Wilhelm

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield
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Mary Miller, Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Thom Reitz
A/V: Ed Wasser
Stream Team: Scott Haligowski, Landon Henderson
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