

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Affirmation of Baptism

October 26, 2025, 10:30 AM

Far Hills Campus (Livestreamed)

Gather

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *SIMPLE PRAISE* (Craig Courtney)

Epiphany Chorale

DIALOGUE: *FROM PSALM 71 AND 1 TIMOTHY 4*

A: O God, from youth you have taught me,

C: I still proclaim your wonderful deeds.

A: So even to old age and gray hair,

C: O God, do not forsake me.

A: Be with me while I proclaim your power and might

C: to all generations to come.

A: Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young,

**C: but be an example for the believers in your speech,
your conduct, your love, faith, and purity.**

A: Give your time and effort to the public reading of the scriptures,

C: and to preaching and teaching.

A: Do not neglect the spiritual gift that is in you,

**C: which was given to you when the prophets spoke
and the elders laid hands on you.**

A: Practice these things and devote yourself to them

C: in order that your progress may be seen by all.

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.

OPENING HYMN: A MIGHTY FORTRESS (vv. 1,2,4)

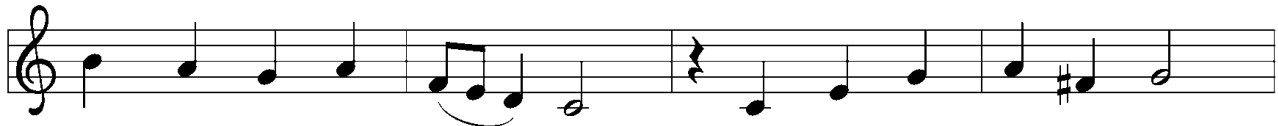
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1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Word

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

Vivian Proehl

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28

Jacob Knueven

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: WHO YOU SAY I AM

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am

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A: The holy gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 8:31-36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

A: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

DISCIPLESHIP PROJECT PRESENTATIONS BY CONFIRMANDS

Introduction

Erin Haligowski

Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Presentations

Olivia Donaghue, Claire Bennett, Troy Wipperman

Conclusion

Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made disciples of the Church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism.

Candy Norman, Congregation Council President, presents the candidates to the pastor.

L: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

GUIDES: *Don Bennett and Josh Hendrickson*

*Jacob Karl Knueven, son of Heather & Joseph Knueven
Troy Charles Wipperman, son of Lindsay & Mike Wipperman*

GUIDES: *Stephanie Wierwille and Lindsay Wipperman*

*Claire Marie Bennett, daughter of Adam & Allison Bennett
Olivia Ann Donaghue, daughter of Brad & Sara Donaghue
Addison Lynnee Hogendoorn, daughter of Lynnee & Roland Hogendoorn
Vivian Proehl, daughter of Doug & Marlaina Proehl*

P: We are a family of God who comes together to pray, support, rejoice and praise our heavenly Father. Do you promise to enfold these youth into their extended family, loving them, teaching them, and helping them to know the family into which their faith has given them?

C: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

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

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Meal

SHARING THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: Cong:

The Lord be with you. And

Presider: Cong:

al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Cong:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to

give God thanks and praise.

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SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow - er and might, we praise your name. Ho - ly... (Last time to Coda/end)

Heav en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bles sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - ly... (D.S. AL CODA)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. 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.

COMMUNION SONG: GIVE ME JESUS

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus *(Repeat)*

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

When I am alone, when I am alone
Oh when I am alone, give me Jesus *(Repeat) (Chorus)*

When I come to die, when I come to die
Oh when I come to die, give me Jesus *(Repeat) (Chorus)*

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: MY LIGHTHOUSE

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures you won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence you won't let go
In the questions your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus: My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow you
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise, you will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Fire before us, you're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms (*Sing 4X*) (*Chorus*)

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SENDING

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister: Erin Haligowski
Organist: John Benjamin
Praise Team: John Benjamin, Connor Cusick, Al Grodrian,
Erin Haligowski, Bill Norman
A/V: Alex Wasser, Melonie June Warren
Stream Team: Anthony Brown, Landon Henderson
Crucifer: Troy Wipperman
Ushers: Ron Armstrong, John Venis
Communion Servers: Don Bennett, Josh Hendrickson, Candy Norman,
Stephanie Wierwille, Lindsay Wipperman