

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2025
Praise Worship
Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *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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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. Amen. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence for reflection)

P: Merciful and loving God,

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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: 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

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

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.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 3:19-28

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.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: 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.”

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*)

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Meal

OFFERING: A MIGHTY FORTRESS

Our God is a consuming fire
A burning Holy Flame
With glory and freedom
Our God is the only righteous judge
Ruling over us with kindness and wisdom
And we will keep our eyes on you
We will keep our eyes on you

Chorus: A mighty fortress is our God
A sacred refuge is your name
Your kingdom is unshakable
With you forever we will reign

Our God is jealous for his own
None could comprehend his love and his mercy
Our God is exalted on his throne
High above the heavens
Forever he is worthy
And we will keep our eyes on you
We will keep our eyes on you (*Chorus*)

We will keep our eyes on you
We will keep our eyes on you
So we can set our hearts on you
Lord we will set our hearts on you (*Chorus 2X*)

With you forever we will reign
With you forever we will reign

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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: 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

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *GOODBYE YESTERDAY*

Goodbye yesterday
I'm living in the light of a new day
I won't waste another minute in my old ways
Praise the Lord I've been born again

Chorus: Again and again and again and again
You rescued me out of the mess I was in
You traded my sorrow for something to sing
Now I'm dancing on the grave that I once lived in

Goodbye yesterday
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
I've got resurrection in my veins
Praise the Lord I've been born

Bridge: I have decided to follow Jesus
The world behind, the cross before
And I won't turn back

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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, Gabe Ferraiuolo, Jake Groom,
Dick Lane, Mary Miller, Cat Sorensen, Alexis Veigel,
Scott Watamaniuk
A/V: Ted Meyer, Jerry Slaughter
Ushers: Darren Harville, Troy Stoller
Communion: Sandy Czewski, Mary Downs, Angi Moots,
Nora Wilhelm

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield
Assisting Minister: Billy Heaning
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Dick Lane, Mary Miller, Cat Sorensen, Alexis Veigel,
Scott Watamaniuk
A/V: Ted Meyer, Todd Schluter
Usher: Stephanie Fulton
Communion: The Manning Family