

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
2nd Sunday after Epiphany, January 18, 2025
Praise Worship
Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Gather

GATHERING SONG: WHAT AN AWESOME GOD

God is great, give Him all the praise
Hallelujah, Name above all names
Fire in his eyes, healing in his veins
Everywhere, his glory on display
Take a look at those stars, he can name 'em all
Before his throne every knee falls
The demons have to run, the angels have to praise
Even the winds and waves obey

Chorus: Our God is an awesome God

He reigns from Heaven above with wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God (Repeat)

And even when I ran, he didn't run away
He came and put death back in its place
Friday on a cross, broken for my shame
Sunday morning rose up from that grave
Take a look at those scars on his hands and feet
He saved our souls for eternity
Worthy is the Lamb, glory to the King
Oh, let all the saints and the angels sing (Chorus)

Eyes on the sky, there will be a day
He will come and wipe our tears away
No more fear, no more pain
No more sorrow, sin or shame
The King is coming back again
A reign of love that will never end
For everything you've done and everything you do
And everything you are, I'll sing to you

Chorus2: My God, you're an awesome God
You're great in all you do
I'm made to worship you
My God, you're an awesome God
What an awesome, awesome God you are
No one like you, none beside you
God, we worship you (Chorus)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,
**C: you call us to life in community, but we have served
our own interests at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in \ddagger Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

SONG OF PRAISE: BUILD MY LIFE

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Chorus: Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
You're worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You (*Chorus*)

Bridge: I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken (*Repeat*) (*Chorus*)

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49:1-7

*' Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born;
 while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
 he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.
³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain;
 I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
 yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God."
⁵ And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
 to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,
 for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,
 and my God has become my strength—
⁶ he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;
 I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
⁷ Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up;
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
 because of the Lord, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."*

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: I CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 1:29-42

²⁹ [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”

³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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: A THOUSAND TIMES

Do you remember all those lonely nights

When he took the wrongs that you couldn't make right

And every tear that you cried, every broken prayer you prayed

He turned it for good, he lets nothing go to waste

Chorus: You can count on that, you know what he's like
You've seen him do it a thousand times
Yeah even in the dead of night
There's never been a morning when the sun don't rise
He'll never let go, you know that it's true
He's still that good and he's still got you
You can count on that, you know what he's like
You've seen him do it a thousand times

Do you remember when you felt ashamed
When you couldn't get free from the mistakes that you made
And he met you with his kindness, compelled you with grace
So if you wanna come home, he'll show you the way (*Chorus*)

Again and again, you've seen him do it a thousand times
Again and again, you'll see him do it a thousand times

Bridge: He made his mercies new 'cause he knew we'd forget
All the things he's done and just how good he is
He's a faithful God, every word is true
And he always does just what he says he'll do (*Chorus*)

Again and again, you've seen him do it a thousand times
Again and again, you'll see him do it a thousand times

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

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

Meal

OFFERING: STAND IN YOUR LOVE

When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken

Chorus: My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in your love (3X)

Shame no longer has a place to hide
I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken (*Chorus*)

Bridge: There's power that can break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in your name, power in your name
(*Chorus 2X*)

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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: COME AS YOU ARE

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin
Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

Chorus: Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame
All who are broken, lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, a rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure (Chorus)

Come as you are, fall in his arms, come as you are

There's joy for the morning, sinner be still

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal (*Chorus*)

Come as you are (3X)

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

S e n d

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *HALLELUJAH ANYWAY*

I'll find a way to praise You

From the bottom of my broken heart

'Cause I think I'd rather strike a match

Than curse the dark

Yeah I'll find a way to thank You

Though the bitterness is real and hard

'Cause I'd rather take a chance on hope

Than fall apart

I don't think I'm ready to surrender to the dark

Chorus: Even if my daylight never dawns

Even if my breakthrough never comes

Even if I'll fight to bring You praise

Even if my dreams fall to the ground

Even if I'm lost I know I'm found

Even if my heart will somehow say

Hallelujah anyway

I hear a hymn of triumph
In the wilderness of my lament
In the lowlands or the mountain tops I won't forget
All that goodness that You have shown me
The promises that You have kept
There's better days on the horizon up ahead

Bridge: Let it rise let it rise
In the dark or the light
Oh my soul stand and fight
If you've got a song to sing let it rise

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SENDING

L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in Worship

Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister:	Andy Addy
Praise Team:	Michele Borns, Gabe Ferraiuolo, Mary Groom, Carlin Heimann, Emily Hendrickson, Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Thom Reitz, Scott Watamaniuk
A/V:	Spencer Watamaniuk, Jerry Slaughter
Ushers:	Beth Fischer, Tom Gariety
Communion:	John & Lisa Dietrich, Lori & Mason Watamaniuk

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield
Assisting Minister: Mike Wipperman
Praise Team: Michele Borns, Gabe Ferraiuolo, Mary Groom, Carlin Heimann, Emily Hendrickson, Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Thom Reitz, Scott Watamaniuk
A/V: Spencer Watamaniuk, Billy Heaning
Ushers: Jill Frost, Dale Rethlake
Communion: David & Jake Walker, Lindsay & Troy Wipperman

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