

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent, March 1, 2026

Praise Worship

Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM

**Tell Me Something Good**  
**the good news is...great love for God and neighbor**

Gather

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## **GATHERING SONG:** *BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE*

As we come into your presence, we remember every blessing  
That you've poured out so freely from above  
Lifting gratitude and praises for compassion so amazing  
Lord we've come to give you thanks for all you've done

**Chorus:** Because of your love we're forgiven  
Because of your love our hearts are clean  
We lift you up with songs of freedom  
Forever we're changed because of your love (*Repeat*)

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## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** Merciful God,

**C:** **Did we see you hungry and give you something to eat?**  
**Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink?**  
**Did we see you alone and offer you compassion?**  
**Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes?**  
**Did we come up with every excuse in the book?**  
**God, we long to be people who love our neighbors**  
**with the same overwhelming love that you have for them.**  
**But we must admit, we have a long way to go.**

**C: Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love.**

**Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again.**

**With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, amen.**

P: Even when we act with judgment, even when we are guided by fear, even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need, God does not turn God's back on us.

So join me in this good-news declaration:

**C: We are seen. We are forgiven. We are invited to try again. Thanks be to God for this unending love.**

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

### **SONG OF PRAISE: GOOD GOOD FATHER**

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that you're pleased and that I'm never alone

**Chorus:** You're a good good Father

It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are

And I'm loved by you

It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers only you provide  
Because you know just what we need before we say a word (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** You are perfect in all of your ways

You are perfect in all of your ways

You are perfect in all of your ways to us (*Repeat*)

Oh this love so undeniable I, I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I, I can hardly think  
As you call me deeper still, as you call me deeper still  
As you call me deeper still into love, love, love (*Chorus 2X*)

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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### WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

#### FIRST READING: *PSALM 25:1-10*

A: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

**C: O my God, in you I trust**

A: Do not let me be put to shame

**C: Do not let my enemies exult over me**

A: Make me to know your ways, O Lord

**C: Teach me your paths**

A: Lead me in your truth and teach me

**C: For you are the God of my salvation, for you I wait all day long**

A: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love

**C: For they have been from of old**

A: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions

**C: Remember me according to your steadfast love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!**

A: Good and upright is the Lord

**C: Therefore he instructs sinners in the way**

A: He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way

**C: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### GOSPEL READING: *LUKE 7:36-50*

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. <sup>37</sup> And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup> She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner."

<sup>40</sup> Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak."<sup>41</sup> "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty."<sup>42</sup> When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?"<sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly."<sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair."<sup>45</sup> You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet."<sup>46</sup> You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment."<sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little."<sup>48</sup> Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."<sup>49</sup> But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"<sup>50</sup> But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **SONG OF THE DAY: 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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## **INSTALLATION OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

Troy Stoller, president  
Ryan Helbach, president-elect  
Carol Gorsuch, treasurer

At-large members:

Andy Addy, Lou Czewski, Martha Meyer, David Schmidt,  
RoseAnn Venis, Andy Voisard, Arlon Zabel

**P:** People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

## **OFFERING:** *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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## **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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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.**

## COMMUNION SONG: GOODNESS OF GOD

I love you Lord  
Oh your mercy never fails me  
All my days I've been held in your hands  
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

**Chorus:** All my life you have been faithful  
All my life you have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In the darkest night you are close like no other  
I've known you as a Father, I've known you as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now  
I give you everything  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
(*Bridge*) (*Chorus 2X*)

I will sing of the goodness of God

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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## BENEDICTION

## **CLOSING SONG: BLESSED BE YOUR NAME**

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be your name

**Pre-Chorus:** Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

**Chorus:** Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be your glorious name

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be your name (*Pre-Chorus, Chorus*)

**Bridge:** You give and take away, you give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be your name  
(*Repeat*) (*Chorus*)

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## **SENDING**

**L:** Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Serving in Worship

### Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer  
Assisting Minister: Mark Chilson  
Praise Team: Olivia & Sara Donaghue, Al Grodrian, Mary Groom,  
Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Erika & Scott Watamaniuk  
A/V: Ted Meyer, Lori Embry  
Ushers: Jim & Sue Ehrensberger  
Communion: Michelle Carlson, Rich Drabenstott,  
Jennifer Henderson, Angi Moots

### Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield  
Assisting Minister: Owen Smith  
Praise Team: Olivia & Sara Donaghue, Al Grodrian, Mary Groom,  
Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Erika & Scott Watamaniuk  
A/V: Ted Meyer, Gia Pinto  
Usher: Kim Brown  
Communion: The Walker Family