

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

4th Sunday in Lent, March 15, 2026

Praise Worship

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

Tell Me Something Good
the good news is...protection and care for the vulnerable

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *RESCUER*

Chorus: He's our Rescuer, he's our Rescuer
We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound, oh how grace abounds
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

There is good news for the captive, good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away
There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed
For the good Lord has come to seek and save (*Chorus*)

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life
Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life (*Chorus*)

Bridge: So come and be chainless, come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary (*Repeat*) (*Chorus*)

We will praise the Lord our Rescuer

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: God said, “When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them.”

C: Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.

P: Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

C: We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.

P: God said, “When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.”

C: We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.

P: Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them.”

C: We confess, we have gate-kept the good news in unfair ways.

P: Fortunately for all of us, God also said, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.”

C: By God’s grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.

P: May this good news change our lives! Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The world waits for a miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
O come O come Emmanuel

A child prays for peace on earth
And she’s calling out from a sea of hurt
O come O come Emmanuel

And can you hear the angels singing

Glory to the light of the world, glory
The light of the world, it is here

The drought breaks with the tears of a mother
A baby's cry is the sound of love
Come down, come down Emmanuel

Here's the song for the suffering
Here's Messiah
The Prince of Peace has come
He has come Emmanuel

Glory to the light of the world (4X)

For all who wait
For all who hunger
For all who've prayed
For all who wonder

Behold your King
Behold Messiah
Emmanuel Emmanuel

Glory to the light of the world (3X)

Behold your King
Behold Messiah
Emmanuel Emmanuel

The world waits for the miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
O come O come Emmanuel

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Word

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 24:21-22

²¹ “When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. ²² Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 19:13-15

¹³ Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, ¹⁴ but Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” ¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Julie

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: *THERE'S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN'T DO*

Just one word
You calm the storm that surrounds me
Just one word
The darkness has to retreat
Just one touch
I feel the presence of heaven
Just one touch
My eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe

Chorus: There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

Just one word
You heal what's broken inside me
Just one word
And you revive ev'ry dream
Just one touch
I feel the power of heaven
Just one touch
My eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe (*Chorus*)

Chorus2: There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a prison wall He can't break through
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

I will believe for greater things
There's no power like the power of Jesus
Let faith arise let all agree
There's no power like the power of Jesus

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING: AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood his mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures (*Chorus 2X*)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below will be forever mine
Will be forever mine, you are forever mine

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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.**

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: *TO THE TABLE*

Hear the voice of love that's calling
There's a chair that waits for you
And a friend who understands
Everything you're going through

But you keep standing at a distance
In the shadows of your shame
But there's a light of hope that's shining
Won't you come and take your place

Chorus1: So bring it all to the table
It's nothing he ain't seen before
For all your sin all your sorrow and your sadness
There's a Savior and he calls
Bring it all to the table

He can see the weight you carry
And the fears that hold your heart
But through the cross you've been forgiven
You're accepted as you are

Chorus2: So bring it all to the table
It's nothing he ain't seen before
For all your trials all your worries and your burdens
There's a Savior and he calls
Bring it all to the table

And bring it all
You can bring it all

Bridge: Come on in take your place
There's no one who's turned away
All you sinners all you saints
Come right in and find your grace (*Repeat*) (*Chorus I*)

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Send

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

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: Andy Addy
Praise Team: Doug Day, Gabe Ferraiuolo, Mary Groom,
Bill Norman, Anastasia Rodgers, Cat Sorensen,
Alexis Veigel, Scott Watamaniuk
A/V: Jerry Slaughter, Ed Wasser
Ushers: Jim & Sue Ehrensberger
Communion: Joyce Addy, Mary Downs, Kelly & Troy Stoller

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield
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Praise Team: Doug Day, Gabe Ferraiuolo, Mary Groom,
Bill Norman, Anastasia Rodgers, Cat Sorensen,
Alexis Veigel, Scott Watamaniuk
A/V: Owen Smith, Ed Wasser
Ushers: Jill Frost, Dale Rethlake
Communion: Annie & Stephanie Wierwille,
Lindsay & Troy Wipperman