

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

Praise Worship

Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM* (*Livestreamed)

Tell Me Something Good
the good news is...inspiring us to act

Gather

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 21:1-11

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹ The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

PROCESSIONAL SONG: HOSANNA (PRAISE IS RISING)

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to you
We turn to you
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for you
We long for you

'Cause when we see you
We find strength to face the day
In your presence
All our fears are washed away

Chorus: Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have your way among us
We welcome you here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to you
We turn to you
In your Kingdom broken lives are made new
You make us new

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Word _____

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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: CHRIST IS ENOUGH

Christ is my reward and all of my devotion
Now there's nothing in this world that could ever satisfy
Through every trial my soul will sing
No turning back, I've been set free

Chorus: Christ is enough for me, Christ is enough for me
Everything I need is in you, everything I need

Christ my all in all, the joy of my salvation
And this hope will never fail, Heaven is our home
Through every storm my soul will sing
Jesus is here, to God be the glory (*Chorus*)

Bridge: I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back (*Repeat*)
The cross before me the world behind me
No turning back, no turning back (*Repeat*) (*Chorus 2X*)
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back (*Repeat*)

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SHARING THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

Meal

OFFERING: *SING OF YOUR LOVE*

I've searched high and low
I've never found a love that's better
So where else could I go
Your words will last forever

Pre-Chorus: You're the Way, you're the Truth
The Life that I choose
And nothing's gonna take you away
My Light in the dark
King of our heart

Chorus: I just wanna sing of your love
I just gotta sing of your love
Your promises were proven in blood
You said it was done and that's more than enough
So I just wanna sing of your love

You thought of me on Calvary
Even though I did not deserve it
You set me free so I'm free indeed
And now I'm walking in a greater purpose (*Pre-Chorus, Chorus*)

Bridge: I got a million reasons
I shouldn't even be here
But I'm alive and breathing
It's all because of Jesus (*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...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

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe....

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover
from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

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: *HOSANNA*

I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes

I see his love and mercy washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

Chorus: Hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest (*Repeat*)

I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith

I see a near revival stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like you have loved me

Break my heart for what breaks yours
Everything I am for your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity (*Chorus 2X*)

Hosanna in the highest

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Send

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME*

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in you our Christ

Chorus: What a beautiful name it is, what a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is, the name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus you brought heaven down
My sin was great, your love was greater
What could separate us now

Chorus2: What a wonderful name it is, what a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful name it is, nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus
What a wonderful name it is, the name of Jesus

Bridge: Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory
For you are raised to life again

You have no rival, you have no equal
Now and forever God you reign
Yours is the Kingdom, yours is the glory
Yours is the name above all names

Chorus3: What a powerful name it is, what a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus
What a powerful name it is, the name of Jesus

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SENDING

A: 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: Steve Lubbers
Praise Team: Gabe Ferraiuolo, Al Grodrian, Mary Groom,
Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Sienna Pearson,
Thom Reitz, Alexis Veigel
Sound: Roland Hogendoorn
Ushers: Jim & Sue Ehrensberger
Communion: Michelle Carlson, John & Lisa Dietrich,
Mason Watamaniuk

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield
Assisting Minister: Chris Young
Praise Team: Gabe Ferraiuolo, Al Grodrian, Mary Groom,
Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Sienna Pearson,
Thom Reitz, Alexis Veigel
A/V: Roland Hogendoorn, Gia Pinto
Stream Team: Anthony Brown, Scott Haligowski
Usher: Kim Brown
Communion: Bob & Erich Bresemann, Diana & Reid Pearson