

**EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Resurrection of Our Lord, April 5, 2026**

Praise Worship

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

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**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*)

Songwriters: Jonathan Lindley Smith, Phil Wickham, Richard W. Mullins.

## **EASTER GREETING**

P: On Friday we thought the good news had been silenced.

**C: On Friday we thought the good news had taken its last breath.**

P: On Friday we thought the good news had been buried.

**C: But today we know the good news is alive and well.**

P: The good news is dancing.

**C: The good news is on the loose.**

P: Even death has lost its sting,  
For Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

**Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia!**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SONG OF PRAISE: RAISE A HALLELUJAH**

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies

I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief

I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody

I raise a hallelujah, Heaven comes to fight for me

**Chorus:** I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm

Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar

Up from the ashes, hope will arise

Death is defeated, the King is alive

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me

I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee

I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery

I raise a hallelujah, fear, you lost your hold on me (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** Sing a little louder, in the presence of my enemies  
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief  
Sing a little louder, my weapon is a melody  
Sing a little louder, Heaven comes to fight for me (*Repeat*)

Sing a little louder (*Chorus 2X*)

I raise a hallelujah (*4X*)

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## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our risen 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

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## **WELCOMING THE CHILDREN**

### **FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> *At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.*

<sup>2</sup> *Thus says the Lord:*

*The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup> the Lord appeared to him from far away.*

*I have loved you with an everlasting love;*

*therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.*

<sup>4</sup> *Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!*

*Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.*

<sup>5</sup> *Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit.*

<sup>6</sup> *For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."*

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**

*<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.*

**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 28:1-10**

*<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."*

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SERMON**

## **NICENE CREED**

A: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **SONG OF THE DAY: CHRIST IS RISEN**

Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to him who showed great love  
And bled for us  
Freely you've bled for us

**Chorus:** Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with him again  
Come awake, come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell  
No scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold you down  
In strength you reign  
Forever let your church proclaim (*Chorus*)

Bridge: O death where is your sting  
O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
Our God is not dead  
He's alive, he's alive (*Chorus*)

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

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

## **OFFERING: MY JESUS**

Are you past the point of weary, is your burden weighing heavy  
Is it all too much to carry, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
Do you feel that empty feeling 'cause shame's done all its stealing  
And you're desperate for some healing, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

**Chorus:** He makes a way where there ain't no way  
Rises up from an empty grave  
Ain't no sinner that he can't save  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and his grace is free  
And the good news is I know that he  
Can do for you what he's done for me  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And let my Jesus change your life  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, amen, amen

Who can wipe away the tears from broken dreams and wasted years  
And tell the past to disappear, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And all the wrong turns that you would go and undo if you could  
Who can work it all for your good, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus (*Chorus*)

Who would take my cross to Calvary, pay the price for all my guilty  
Who would care that much about me, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus (*Chorus*)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah  
Let my Jesus change your life

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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.**

### **COMMUNION SONG: *SPRINGTIME***

You're the resurrection  
That we've waited for  
You buried the night  
And came with the morning  
You're the King of Heaven  
The praise is yours  
The longer the quiet  
The louder the chorus

**Chorus:** We will sing a new song  
'Cause death is dead and gone with the winter  
We will sing a new song  
Let hallelujahs flow like a river  
We're coming back to life  
Reaching towards the light  
Your love is like springtime

You're the living water  
God we thirst for you  
The dry and the barren  
Will flower and bloom  
You're the sun that's shining  
You restore my soul  
The deeper you call us  
Oh the deeper we'll go (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** Come tend the soil  
Come tend the soil of my soul  
And like a garden  
And like a garden I will grow  
I will grow (*Repeat*)  
  
I will grow, I will grow (*Chorus*)  
  
Like springtime

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## **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. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

### Serving in Worship

#### Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer  
Assisting Minister: Mark Chilson  
Praise Team: Michele Borns, Rich Embry, Al Grodrian,  
Jake & Mary Groom, Craig Hoerig, Dick Lane,  
Thom Reitz, Cat Sorensen  
A/V: Jerry Slaughter, Ed Wasser  
Stream Team: Melonie June Warren, Alex Wasser  
Ushers: George Downs, Chris Ziehler  
Communion Servers: Andy & Joyce Addy, Lori & Nolan Watamaniuk,  
Nora Wilhelm

## Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield  
Assisting Minister: Billy Hening  
Praise Team: Michele Borns, Rich Embry, Al Grodrian,  
Jake & Mary Groom, Craig Hoerig, Dick Lane,  
Thom Reitz, Cat Sorensen  
A/V: Own Smith, Ed Wasser  
Ushers: Bob & Kris Mangan  
Communion Servers: Sharon Culham, The Haligowski Family