

**EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Epiphany, April 12, 2026**

Praise Worship

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

Gather

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**GATHERING SONG: *MIRACLE POWER***

This is for the lost and lonely, for the broken and afraid  
This is for those who are hurting, hoping help is on the way

In these battles of addiction, when fear is chasing after me  
Whatever troubles I am facing, I will lift my hands and sing

**Chorus:** I believe in miracle power, in a wonder-working God  
I am filled with the Holy Spirit, working wonders in my heart  
I belong to a loving Father, I'm a friend of Christ, his Son  
When it feels like I won't make it, I call on Jesus

Sometimes it's so hard being human, so much struggle, so much pain  
When I start singing hallelujah, I say goodbye to every chain (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** I may not know what a day may bring  
But I know who brings the day  
On the darkest night when I cannot see  
Still my soul will say (*Repeat*)

My soul will say (*Chorus*)

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINISTRY MOMENT: *RESURRECTION PROJECT***

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.  
You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation and those that nourish us:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves, flowing rivers.

Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

## SONG OF PRAISE: *DEATH WAS ARRESTED*

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life began

**Chorus:** Oh Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend  
When death was arrested and my life began

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life began

**Bridge:** Oh we're free free forever we're free  
Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Yes we're free free forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began

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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**

**MINISTRY MOMENT:** *FAMILY PROMISE*

## **BLESSING OF QUILTS**

**FIRST READING: ACTS 2:14,22-32**

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

<sup>22</sup> “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup> “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

**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 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."<sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

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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: *THE COMMISSION***

See my hands and look at my feet  
It's okay if it's hard to believe  
I have faith that you will do greater things  
It's my time to go, but before I leave

**Chorus:** Go tell the world about me  
For I was dead but now I live  
I've gotta go now for a little while  
But goodbye is not the end

Don't forget the things that I taught you  
I've conquered death and I hold the keys  
And where I go you will go too, someday  
But there's much to do here before you leave

**Bridge:** The end of the journey, the end of the road  
My spirit is with you, I'll be wherever you go  
You have a purpose and I have a plan  
I'll make you this promise  
I'll come back again  
But until then

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### Meal

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#### **OFFERING:** *GREAT ARE YOU LORD*

You give life, you are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, you restore every heart that is broken  
And great are you, Lord

**Chorus:** It's your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise  
It's your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to you only (*Verse, Chorus 2X*)

**Bridge:** All the earth will shout your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
Great are you, Lord (*Repeat Bridge*) (*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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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: *I SPEAK JESUS*

**Verse 1:** I just want to speak the name of Jesus  
Over every heart and every mind  
'Cause I know there is peace within your presence  
I speak Jesus

**Verse 2:** I just want to speak the name of Jesus  
'Til every dark addiction starts to break  
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom  
I speak Jesus

**Chorus:** 'Cause your name is power  
Your name is healing  
Your name is life  
Break every stronghold  
Shine through the shadows  
Burn like a fire

**Verse 3:** I just want to speak the name of Jesus  
Over fear and all anxiety  
To every soul held captive by depression  
I speak Jesus (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** Shout Jesus from the mountains  
Jesus in the street  
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy  
Jesus for my family  
I speak the holy name Jesus (*Sing 3X*) (*Chorus 2X*) (*Verse 1*)

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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## BENEDICTION

## **CLOSING SONG: MY REDEEMER LIVES**

I know he rescued my soul  
His blood has covered my sin  
I believe, I believe  
My shame he's taken away  
My pain is healed in his name  
I believe, I believe

**Pre-Chorus:** I'll raise a banner 'cause my Lord has conquered the grave

**Chorus:** My Redeemer lives (4X)

(Verse, Pre-Chorus)

**Chorus:** My Redeemer lives (8X)

**Bridge:** You lift my burdens, I'll rise with you  
I'm dancing on this mountaintop to see your kingdom come

**Chorus:** My Redeemer lives (8X)

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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 Karl Biermann
Assisting Minister:	Becky Zink
Praise Team:	Doug Day, Olivia & Sara Donaghue, Mary Groom, Bill Norman, Cat Sorensen, Alexis Veigel, Scott Watamaniuk
A/V:	Lori Embry, Spencer Watamaniuk
Ushers:	George Downs, Chris Ziehler
Communion:	Cindy & Rich Drabenstott, Mary Downs, Leah Hendrickson

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Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer  
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Scott Watamaniuk  
A/V: Gia Pinto, Spencer Watamaniuk  
Stream Team: Anthony Brown, Scott Haligowski  
Ushers: Bob & Kris Mangan  
Communion: Bob & Erich Bresemann, Addie & Terresa Walker