

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
7th Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2026
Praise Worship
Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *LET GOD ARISE*

Youth Praise Band

Hear the holy roar of God resound
Watch the waters part before us now
Come and see what he has done for us
Tell the world of his great love

Our God is a God who saves

Chorus: Let God arise, let God arise
Our God reigns now and forever
He reigns now and forever

His enemies will run for sure
And the church will stand, she will endure
He holds the keys of life, Our Lord
Death has no strength, no final word

Our God is a God who saves (*Chorus*)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT: *HOPEWOOD OUTDOORS CAMPS*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

P: ...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: *KING OF KINGS*

Youth Praise Band

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven you came running
There was mercy in your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
to a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt

Chorus: Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
and to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
you did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
you saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died (*Chorus*)

And the morning that you rose
all of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
for the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
to the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
shall not kneel, shall not faint
By his blood and in his name
In his freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
who has resurrected me (*Chorus*)

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:6-14

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter and John and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 4:12-14, 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion, your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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 17:1-11

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY: YOU BLESS ME (THANK YOU)

Every time I think of your kindness
Every time I'm singing your name Jesus
Never thought my life could look like this
I give thanks everyday for your amazing grace

Chorus: God I'm in love with who you are
You are the bright and morning star
You fill me with joy inside my heart
You bless me, you bless me

When I look at how far you brought me
Nothing I could do to deserve
When I was a sinner you called me
I'm alive by your side because you loved me first (*Chorus*)

Chorus2: When everything seems impossible
You are my peace through every storm
You are the God of miracles
You bless me, you bless me

Bridge: Thank you hallelujah
Thank you hallelujah
Thank you for all that you have done
Hallelujah

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Meal

OFFERING: *GOD IS IN THIS STORY*

There's torn up pages in this book
Words that tell me I'm no good
Chapters that defined me for so long
But the hands of grace and endless love
Dusted off and picked me up
Told my heart that hope is never gone

Chorus: God is in this story
God is in the details
Even in the broken parts
He holds my heart, he never fails
When I'm at my weakest
I will trust in Jesus
Always in the highs and lows
The One who goes before me
God is in this story

So if the storm you're walking through
Feels like it's too much and you
Wonder if he even cares at all
Well hold on tight to what you know
He promised he won't let you go
Your song of healing's written in his scars (*Chorus*)

Bridge: If it reads like addiction
If it reads like disease
He's the One who frees the prisoner
He's the healer of all things
If it reads like depression
If it reads broken home
He's the One who holds your sorrow
He won't leave you here alone (*Chorus*)

Always in the highs and lows
The One who goes before me
God is in this story
God is in my story

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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.**

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: *YOUR GRACE FINDS ME*

It's there in the newborn cry
There in the light of every sunrise
There in the shadows of this light
Your great grace
It's there on the mountain top
There in the everyday and the mundane
There in the sorrow and the dancing
Your great grace
Oh such grace

Chorus: From the creation to the cross
There from the cross into eternity
Your grace finds me
Yes your grace finds me

It's there on a wedding day
There in the weeping by the graveside
There in the very breath we breathe
Your great grace
The same for the rich and poor
The same for the saint and for the sinner
Enough for this whole wide world
Your great grace
Oh such grace (*Chorus*)

Chorus2: There in the darkest night of the soul
There in the sweetest songs of victory
Your grace finds me
Yes your grace finds me

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Send

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD

Your word is a lamp unto my feet
Your way is the only way for me
It's a narrow road that leads to life but I want to be on it
It's a narrow road but the mercy's wide
'Cause you're good on your promise

Chorus: I'll take you at your word
If you said it I'll believe it
I've seen how good it works
If you start it you'll complete it
I'll take you at your word

You spoke and the chaos fell in line
I know 'cause I've seen it in my life
It's a narrow road that leads to life but I want to be on it
It's a narrow road the tide is high
But you parted the water (*Chorus 2X*)

Bridge: You said your love will never give up
You said your grace is always enough
You said your heart would never forget or forsake me
You said I'm saved, you call me yours
You said my future's full of your hope
You've never failed so I know that you'll never fail me
(*Chorus 2X*)

'Cause you're good on your promise
I'll take you at your word

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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: Jane Lane
Praise Team: Wendy Beavers, Gabe Ferraiuolo, Al Grodrian,
Mary Groom, Emily & Hannah Hendrickson,
Dick Lane, Anastasia Rodgers
Youth Praise Band: Gwen Alexander, Connor Cusick, Olivia Donaghue,
Danny Fulton, Felicity Glass, Hannah Hendrickson,
Hannah Shreve, Addy Walker
Sound: Ed Wasser
Ushers: George Downs, Troy Stoller
Communion: Laurie Evans, Leah Hendrickson, Kelly Stoller,
Nora Wilhelm

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield
Assisting Minister: Owen Smith
Praise Team: Wendy Beavers, Gabe Ferraiuolo, Al Grodrian,
Mary Groom, Emily & Hannah Hendrickson,
Dick Lane, Anastasia Rodgers
A/V: Gretchen Voisard, Ed Wasser
Ushers: Jill Frost, Dale Rethlake
Communion: Bob & Everett Bresemann, Annie & Stephanie Wierwille