

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost, May 24, 2026

Praise Worship

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

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *REST ON US*

Praise Choir

As the Spirit was moving over the water
Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us
Come rest on us

Chorus: Come down Spirit
When you move
You make my heart pound
When you fill the room
You're here and I know you are moving
I'm here and I know you will fill me

Fire and wind come and do it again
Open up the gates
Let Heaven on in
Come rest on us
Come rest on us

Holy Spirit come rest on us
You're all we want
You're all we want

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

SHARING THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: LORD, I NEED YOU

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without you, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus: Lord I need you, oh I need you
Every hour I need you
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need you

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more
Where grace is found is where you are
And where you are Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Yes where you are Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me (*Chorus*)

Bridge: So teach my song to rise to you
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you
Jesus you're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you
Jesus you're my hope and stay (*Chorus 2X*)

My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need you

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:3-13

^{3b}No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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 20:19-23*

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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: *THERE WAS JESUS*

Every time I tried to make it on my own
Every time I tried to stand and start to fall
And all those lonely roads that I have traveled on
There was Jesus

When the life I built came crashing to the ground
When the friends I had were nowhere to be found
I couldn't see it then but I can see it now
There was Jesus

Chorus: In the waiting, in the searching
In the healing and the hurting
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces
Every minute, every moment
Of where I've been and where I'm going
Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it
There was Jesus

For this man who needs amazing kind of grace
For forgiveness at a price I couldn't pay
I'm not perfect so I thank God every day
There was Jesus
There was Jesus (*Chorus*)

Bridge: There was Jesus
On the mountain, in the valleys
There was Jesus
In the shadows of the alleys
There was Jesus
In the fire, in the flood
There was Jesus
Always is and always was
No I never walk alone
You are always there (*Chorus*)

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING: YOU HOLD IT ALL TOGETHER

You come at the right time
When I least expect it, never behind
So why would I be surprised,
When you deliver every time

Pre-Chorus: On mountaintops you stay the same
In valleys low you never change

Chorus: And I believe that I will see the goodness of the Lord
I'm confident as seasons change your faithfulness remains

You go, you go before me
To prepare a blessing, you made a way
It's more than I could imagine
More than I can fathom or comprehend (*Pre-Chorus, Chorus*)

Bridge: God of my Present, God of my Future
You write my story, you hold it all together (*Sing 3X*)
(*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...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: *HOLY SPIRIT*

There's nothing worth more
That will ever come close
No thing can compare
You're our living hope
Your presence

I've tasted and seen
Of the sweetest of loves
When my heart becomes free
And my shame is undone
In your presence Lord

Chorus: Holy Spirit you are welcome here
Come flood this place
And fill the atmosphere

Your glory God is what
Our hearts long for
To be overcome by
Your presence Lord
Your presence Lord

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *COUNTING EVERY BLESSING*

I was blind now I'm seeing in color
I was dead now I'm living forever
I had failed but you were my Redeemer
I've been blessed beyond all measure

I was lost now I'm found by the Father
I've been changed from a ruin to treasure
I've been given a hope and a future
I've been blessed beyond all measure

Chorus: I am counting every blessing, counting every blessing
Letting go and trusting when I cannot see
I am counting every blessing, counting every blessing
Surely every season you are good to me

Oh you are good to me (2X)

You were there in the valley of shadows
You were there in the depth of my sorrows
You're my strength my hope for tomorrow
I've been blessed beyond all measure (*Chorus*)

Oh you are good to me (2X)

Bridge: Surely your goodness pursues me
Surely your heart is still for me
I will remember your mercies all my days
Through every storm and gale (*Chorus 2X*)

Oh you are good to me (4X)

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SENDING

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Serving in Worship

Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister: Bobbi Shreve
Praise Team: Mary Groom, Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Alexis Veigel,
Erika & Scott Watamaniuk
Sound: Ed Wasser
Ushers: Michael Senger, Troy Stoller
Communion: Sandy Czewski, Angi Moots,
Mason & Nolan Watamaniuk, Becky Zink

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield
Assisting Minister: Mike Wipperman
Praise Team: Mary Groom, Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Alexis Veigel,
Erika & Scott Watamaniuk
A/V: Ed Wasser, Gia Pinto
Stream Team: Anthony Brown, Landon Henderson
Usher: Kim Brown
Communion: Annie & Stephanie Wierwille,
Lindsay & Troy Wipperman

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