

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
2nd Sunday after Pentecost, June 7, 2026

Praise Worship

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

Gather

GATHERING SONG: THRIVE

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water
We never will run dry

Pre-Chorus: So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of you
Fill our hearts and flood our souls
With one desire

Chorus: Just to know you and to make you known
We lift your name on high
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more than
Ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive
We were made to thrive

Into your Word we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart
Into the world we're reaching out
To show them who you are (*Pre-Chorus, Chorus*)

Bridge: Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable
Love unstoppable, anything is possible

We were made to thrive

Words and Music by Matthew West and Mark Hall

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT: *SPOKE FOLK*

BLESSING OF VBS/CAMPS/SPOKE FOLK

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Compassionate God

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves
We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed
by what we have done and by what we have left undone
We have not loved you with our whole heart
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways
to the glory of your holy name**

SHARING THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: *LEFT IT IN THE RIVER*

I had burdens on my shoulders all my life
I tried and tried to leave 'em all behind
But freedom's one thing I could never find

I said a prayer from the banks of a river
God met me there, showing me something better

Chorus: My life was changed when I stepped into the water
Ain't seen my chains since I gave 'em to the Father
Hallelujah, I've been delivered
Where is my guilt, where is my shame
I left it in the river, I left it in the river

Now, there's nothing that can take this joy I've found
He raised me up and I ain't coming down
He washed me clean and now there ain't no doubt
He turned it all around (*Chorus*)

I said a prayer from the banks of a river
God met me there, showing me something better
I left my wrongs at the bottom of the river
I said so long, said goodbye forever (*Chorus*)

Songwriters: Colby Wedgeworth, Jamie Lyn Macdonald, Jonathan Conrad Gamble.

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: HOSEA 5:15-6:6

¹⁵ *I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:*

^{6:1} *“Come, let us return to the Lord,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.*

² *After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.*

³ *Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”*

⁴ *What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.*

⁵ *Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.*

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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 9:9-13, 18-26

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² But when he heard this, [Jesus] said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well."

And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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: I WILL RISE

There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say it is well

Pre-Chorus: Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

Chorus: I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise, I will rise

There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes

Bridge: And I hear the voice of many angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Meal

OFFERING: *JESUS CHANGED MY LIFE*

I spent my time running to all the wrong places
I thought that I would be the last one that you'd ever wanna see
I was so far gone, the kind to give up on
But you are not the kind of God to ever give up on me
Oh your kindness led me home

Chorus: Grace came calling my name
Lifted my soul up out of that grave
Was hell-bound, lost and then found
Look what you've done, you've turned it all around
And I can testify I'm not the same
Like lightning from the sky, Jesus changed my life

You wouldn't let go, you wouldn't leave me
Followed me through darkness and chased me down with mercy
You wouldn't look back, you see beyond my past
There is nothing I have ever done to make you love me less (*Chorus*)
Jesus changed my life

Bridge: Thank you for loving me
Thank you for setting me free
Thank you for taking these chains off of me
Thank you that I'm not who I used to be

Jesus changed my life, Jesus changed my life

Words and Music by Benji Cowart, Jonathan Smith, and Katy Nichole

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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: *COME AS YOU ARE*

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin
Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

Chorus: Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame
All who are broken, lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, a rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure (*Chorus*)

Come as you are, fall in his arms, come as you are

There's joy for the morning, sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal (*Chorus*)

Come as you are

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: HALLELUJAH FEELING

Some days I climb the mountains
Some days I touch the clouds
Some days my best friend
Has been the cold hard ground
But there's mercy new each morning
Comfort through the night
My eyes are fixed on Jesus and
I'm gonna be alright

Chorus: I got that hallelujah feeling down in my soul
I got that hallelujah feeling and it won't let go
I've been born again, yes and amen
No matter what comes I know
I got that hallelujah feeling down in my soul
Hallelujah hallelujah

Oh just because it's raining
Doesn't mean the sun won't shine
There's a season for the struggle
And a season for the prize
But my hope is never fading
'Cause it's anchored in the truth
My Father goes before me and
His joy will see me through (*Chorus*)

Hallelujah hallelujah

Bridge: When everything is shaking
Got that solid rock like pavement
I may bend but I'm not breaking
I know who's on my side
When everything is shaking
Got that solid rock like pavement
I may bend but I'm not breaking
The Lord is on my side (*Chorus*)

Hallelujah hallelujah

Words and Music by Caleb Crino, Jake Henry, Jeff Pardo and John Secker

SENDING

L: Heaven has come near. Go share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tracy Paschke-Johannes
Assisting Minister: Steve Lubbers
Praise Team: Doug Day, Gabe Ferraiuolo, Emily Hendrickson,
Sienna Pearson, Thom Reitz, Anastasia Rodgers,
Scott Watamaniuk
Sound: Ed Wasser
Ushers: John Dietrich, Angi Moots
Communion: Lisa Dietrich, Cindy & Rich Drabenstott,
Pam Lubbers, Nora Wilhelm

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister: Billy Hening
Praise Team: Doug Day, Gabe Ferraiuolo, Emily Hendrickson,
Sienna Pearson, Thom Reitz, Anastasia Rodgers,
Scott Watamaniuk
A/V: Owen Smith, Ed Wasser
Stream Team: Anthony Brown, Scott Haligowski
Communion: The Haligowski Family

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